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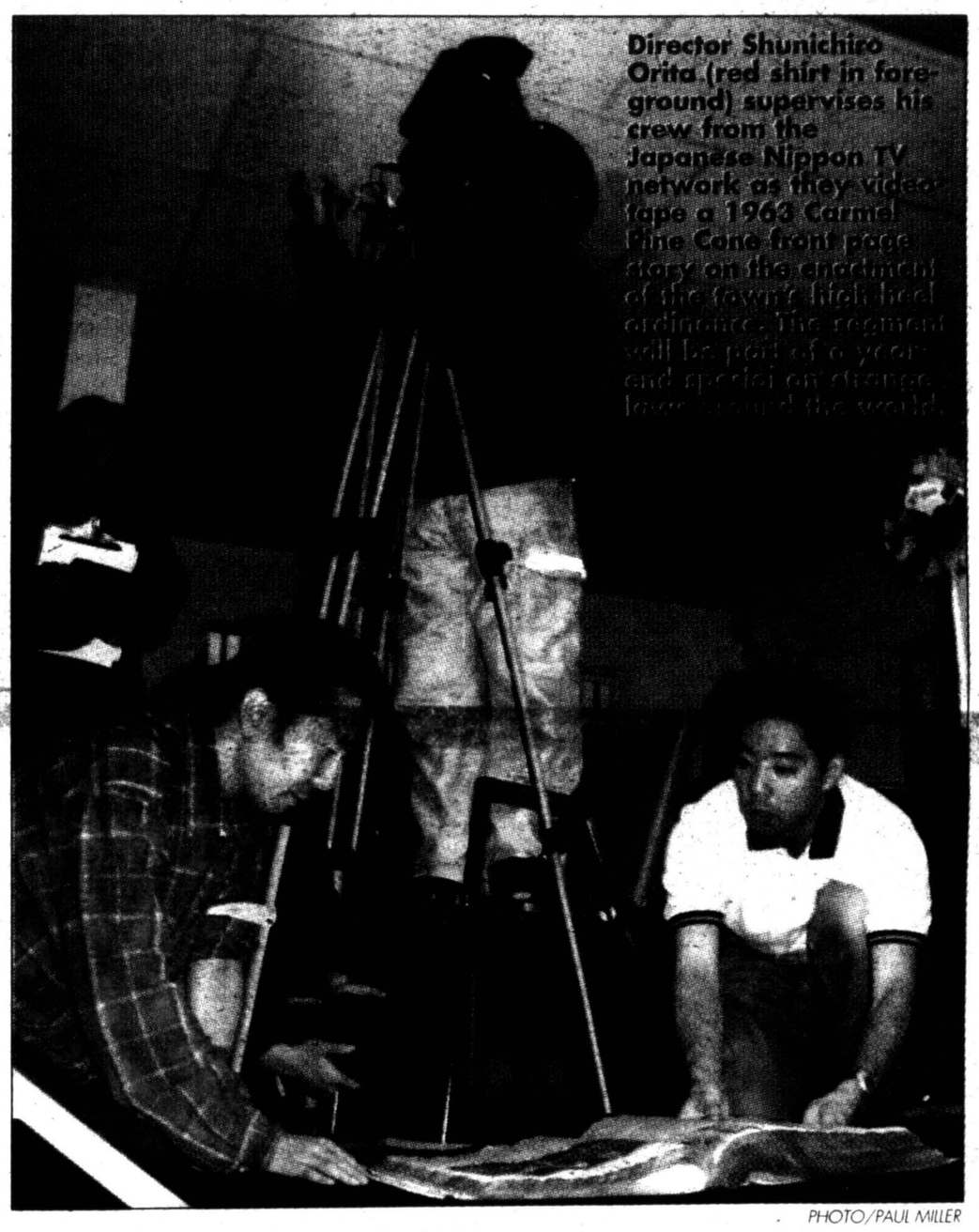

Director Shunichiro Orita (red shirt in foreground) supervises his crew from the Japanese Nippon TV network as they videotape a 1963 Carmel Pine Cone front page story on the enactment of the town's high heel ordinance. The segment will be part of a year-end special on strange laws around the world.

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Japanese TV pokes fun at weird laws

By TAMARA GRIPPI

A SUREFIRE way to get a big audience for a television show in almost any foreign country is to make fun of the United States. A Japanese TV channel plans to jump on that bandwagon with a Dec. 28 special featuring some of this country's unusual laws — including Carmel's ordinance requiring a permit to wear high heels.

A five-person crew from Tokyo-based Nippon TV recently spent a whole day shooting at city hall, on the streets of town

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Poll: Many oppose C.V. incorporation

By MARY BROWNFIELD

SURVEY CARDS mailed to residents at the mouth of Carmel Valley have yielded a resounding "no" on whether Carmel Valley should become a city, according to incorporation opponent Bob Sinotte. About 30 percent of 1,500 cards sent to people living in Carmel Views, Hacienda Carmel, Del Mesa Carmel, Rancho Rio Vista, Carmel Knolls, Quail Lodge and the Rio Road condominiums, have been returned, Sinotte said.

The cards asked whether a comprehensive fiscal study of incorporation should be conducted and questioned the level of support for a new city. After marking their choices, residents sent the cards directly to the Local Agency Formation Commission, which would oversee any incorporation effort.

The cards from the eight neighborhoods returned so far have averaged 87 percent opposed, 6 percent in favor and 7 percent undecided, according to Sinotte.

"I think anything over 51 percent is significant, so anything close to 90 percent is overwhelming," Sinotte said.

But supporters of a petition drive to get the incorporation process moving counter the poll is premature and probably inaccurate.

"They sent out 1,500 and got a 30 percent return, which would not be a bad return," said Carmel Valley Forum board member Max Tadlock. "But normally people who are violently opposed to something are the ones who respond."

Catherine West, executive director of

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Potter bows out

By TAMARA GRIPPI and PAUL MILLER

SAN FRANCISCO — AFTER TWO days of emotionally charged debate and intense backroom lobbying, Monterey County Supervisor Dave Potter pulled out of the race to become chair of the California Coastal Commission Thursday. His move cleared the way for Sonoma County Supervisor Mike Reilly to take the helm of the powerful coastal planning body.

"For the good of the state and the good of the nation, I'm going to withdraw my name," Potter told his colleagues on the commission just before they broke for lunch at the Hyatt Regency Embarcadero. "To be honest, it's a major load off my back. It's been weighing me down."

Christine Desser, a coastal commissioner who opposed Potter's bid to become chair, thanked him for pulling out and said he emerged from the battle "bloodied but unbowed."

Another commissioner, Amanda Susskind, a Potter ally, called him a "peacemaker" and praised him for putting "the coast above himself."

Potter's withdrawal came one day after the coastal commission's controversial chair, Sara Wan, announced she would not seek another year as leader of the group, which controls development along the state's 1,100-mile coastline.

The fierce battle over the commission has been the focus of much media attention and

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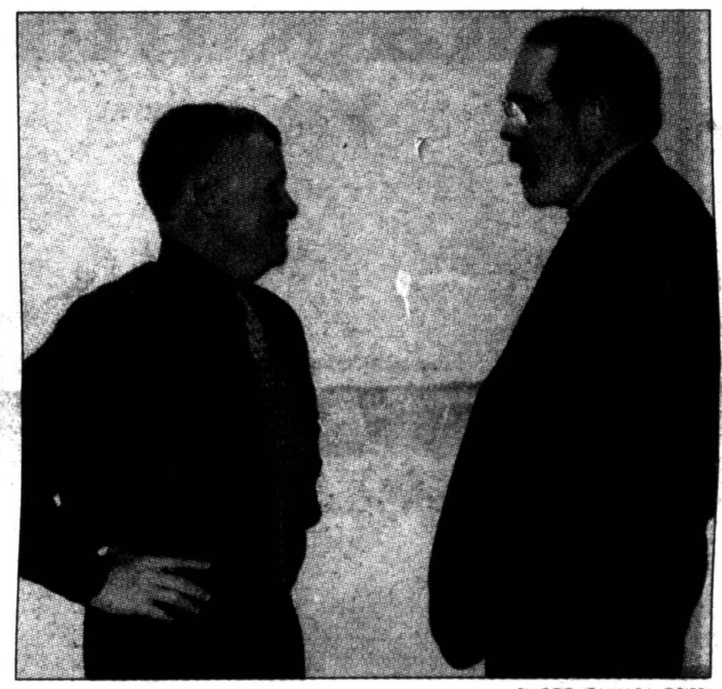

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After a bitter struggle and a tie vote, Dave Potter (left) gave up his campaign to become chair of the California Coastal Commission this week, clearing the way for Mike Reilly (right) to take over.

Exhausted commissioners take first look at city's coastal plan

By TAMARA GRIPPI

SAN FRANCISCO — THE CALIFORNIA Coastal Commission took its first crack at Carmel's proposed Land Use Plan late Thursday, but there was no strong indication how commissioners would vote on three critical local issues — the size of new houses, nighttime parking on Scenic Road and standards for storm water runoff.

The commission put off making a decision on the plan, which will govern land uses throughout the city, until the March meeting in San Luis Obispo or the May meeting in Monterey.

In their presentations to the commission, Carmel Mayor Sue McCloud and coastal planner Mike Watson made note of the fact that within the last few weeks, the city and the commission's staff have been able to reach agreement on all but five of 63 outstanding issues.

However, the city is standing firm against the coastal staff's recommendations to cut the maximum floor area of houses from 1,800 square feet to 1,600 square feet and to ban visitor parking on Scenic Road from 1 a.m. to 5 a.m.

In addition, McCloud argued that Carmel shouldn't be held to a new, higher treatment standard for taking care of its stormwater runoff.

Coastal commissioner Dave Potter praised the city and the coastal staff for the progress they've made. "This had all the elements of contentiousness and confrontation

*See **LUP** page 6A*

Council may adopt strict new requirements for nonconforming buildings

By MARY BROWNFIELD

IN AN effort to eliminate confusion among homeowners, contractors and city officials, the planning commission adopted a new definition of "demolition" this week. If the city council agrees, the word will officially mean the "complete destruction and removal of all above ground elements of a building or structure." Under the current ordinance, simply changing a building's exterior could be classified as a demolition, triggering a requirement that the building be altered to meet current setback, height, floor area and volume limits.

While the commission tightened up the

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CARMEL BUSINESSES HOPE FOR HOLIDAY SHOPPING BONANZA

By TAMARA GRIPPI

AFTER STRUGGLING through more than a year of sharply declining sales, members of Carmel's business community are counting on Christmas shoppers to put them in the black.

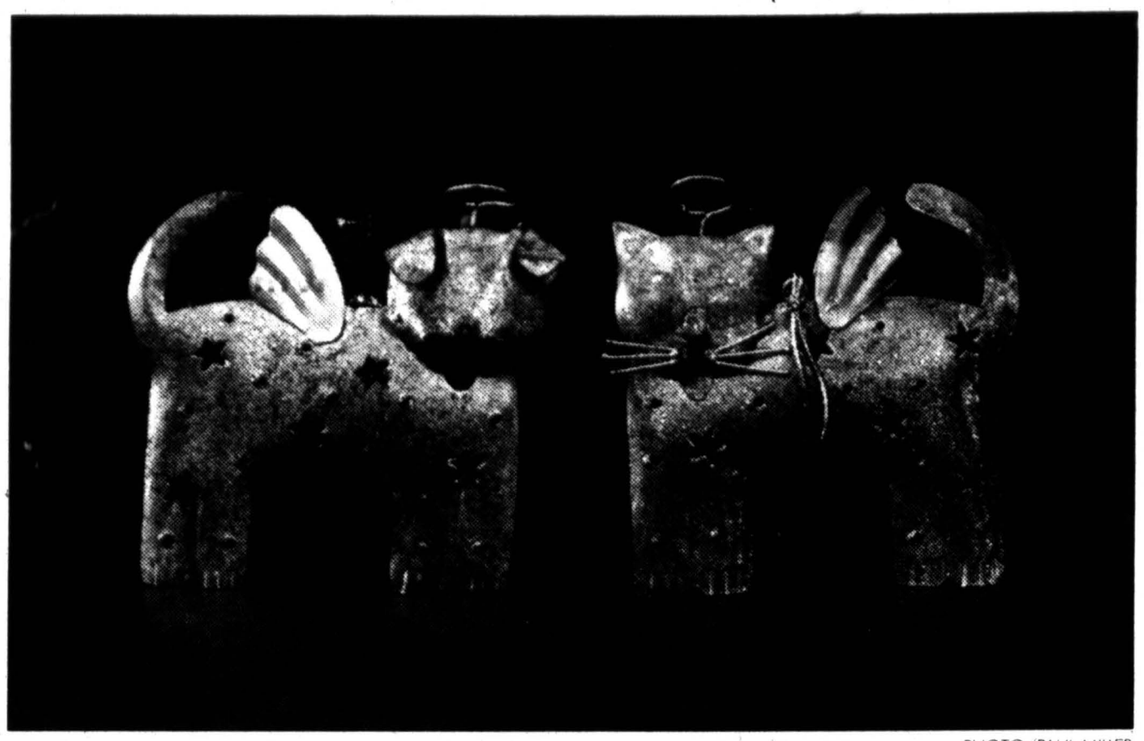
The post-Thanksgiving shopping weekend — when national sales rose 14 percent, according to the National Retailers Sales estimate conducted by the retail consultant, ShopperTrak — offered a much-needed boost for Carmel retailers.

"We had a very positive response after Thanksgiving," said Andy Cook, senior leasing manager for Carmel Plaza. "A lot of people were returning to the old favorites and an unusually high number of people were coming to our new stores."

While the Plaza has been experiencing a certain amount of turnover in recent months, with the loss of Books Inc. and the Monterey Bay Aquarium Gift and Bookstore, Cook said no space will remain vacant long.

J.Jill, a women's clothing shop, has already replaced Books Inc. and two new stores are slated to open before Christmas, Cook said.

Longtime Ocean Avenue retailer Carol Fergusson, owner of Adam Fox, noticed a marked improvement in business over the Thanksgiving holiday. "I'm optimistic," Fergusson said. "But, overall, I don't think it will be a banner year."



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These handcrafted cat ornaments, featured at Homescapes in downtown Carmel, are typical of the unique inventory Carmel-by-the-Sea business owners are hoping will lure holiday shoppers.

During the city's previous fiscal year, 2001/2002, Carmel's sales tax revenue dropped 14 percent from the year before and the first quarter report from this fiscal year — July through September — shows a 15 percent decline in revenue from the same time period in 2001.

Some Carmel retailers are hoping for a strong holiday shopping season to keep their businesses afloat.

"I know that everybody is really counting on a good holiday season," said Brenda Roncarati, executive director of the Carmel Business Association. "I hope we'll see what the economic forecasters are predicting — a pick-up in holiday sales."

Fermin Sanchez, owner of Bruno's Market, said business is up since last year. "We had a great Thanksgiving," Sanchez said. "We sold a lot of turkeys, a lot of wine and baked goods. And the orders are already coming in for Christmas, which is a good sign."

Carmel City Councilman Dick Ely, owner of Carmel Valley Coffee Roasting Company on Ocean Avenue, reported the Thanksgiving holiday provided "an absolutely incredible week," for his business.

But Ely pointed out that even retailers who have strong sales still have to contend with increased costs.

"Insurance costs, liability insurance, workers compensation — and utilities have gone up 100 percent," Ely said.

He said he hoped the community would rally behind Carmel businesses, who will have a tough time making it through the slow months of January, February and March.

Carmel Mayor Sue McCloud agreed. "If you think of your Christmas shopping, there are businesses here at home that need your support," the mayor said. "What we don't want is for the city to have empty stores."

The season of spending traditionally enjoyed by Carmel retailers hasn't always extended to the city's hotels and restaurants.

John Wilson, general manager of the Pine Inn, said that while hotel reservations are typically in demand during the week between Christmas and New Year's Day, the rest of December is often slow.

"It would be nice if the town was lit up more at Christmas to make it more festive," Wilson said.

In the last fiscal year, transient occupancy tax dropped 7 percent from the year before. However, the first quarter report from this fiscal year, including the months of July through September, the revenue decreased just 1.8 percent from 2001.

Csaba Ajan, owner of PortaBella restaurant, said the Thanksgiving holiday filled up the city's restaurants and PortaBella's Christmas Day reservations are already promising.

"These are traditionally quiet times, except for a few holiday parties," Ajan said. "Cautious optimism is the operative word."

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REAL ESTATE ON THE PENINSULA BY JOHN S. LEVINSON

THE BEST TIME TO BUY A HOUSE

It's an often-asked question. When is the best time to buy a home? There are hundreds of possible answers to that question. On an annual basis, the best time is probably in the so-called off-season for real estate—fall and winter, when children are still in school and there are fewer people shopping for homes.

On an economic basis, it's very true that real estate moves through cycles, just as do the stock markets and bond markets—though real estate's cycles don't necessarily coincide with those of other markets. There is an economic season we call a seller's market, when there are more buyers than sellers of real estate. That reaches a peaking stage and moves inexorably into a season we call a buyer's market, when there are more sellers than buyers and prices are more flexible.

On a broader economic basis, there are seasons of overall economic growth and there are seasons of contraction or recession. A recession, if interest rates are favorable, is often a great time to buy a home, though many people who would otherwise consider selling may be waiting for a time when they feel more confident of their ability to buy another home and continue to afford the monthly payments.

The bottom line, though, is that the best time to buy a home is when you can, when you need to, when you want to—for the best possible life for yourself and those with whom you live. Prices do go down sometimes, but rarely. Waiting rarely pays off. If you can afford a home, consult your financial advisor and find a great real estate professional! Questions? Call John Levinson at 659-8002.

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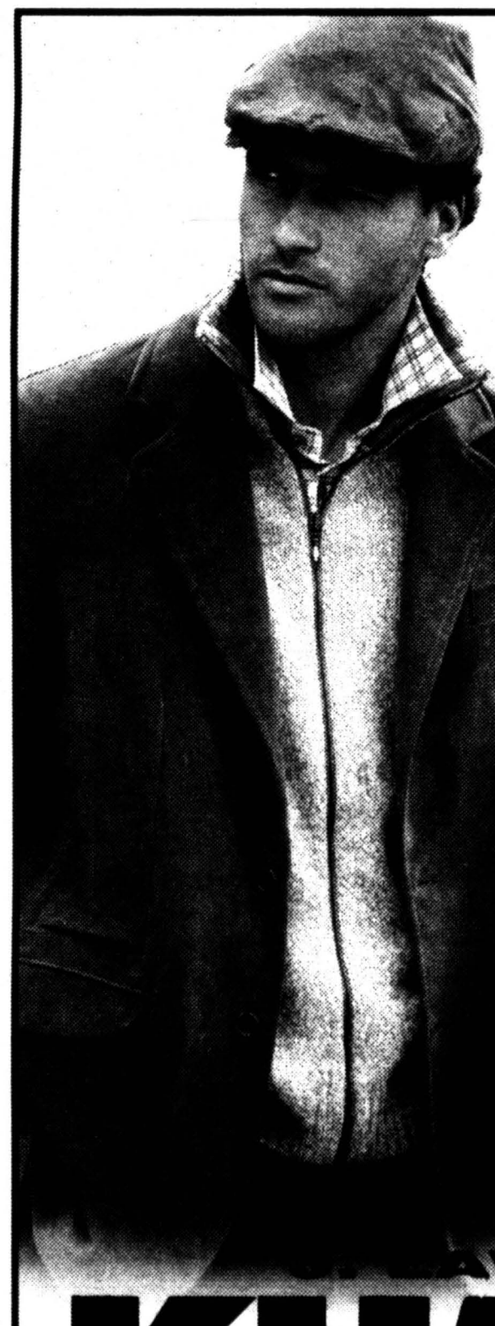

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PINE CONE STAFF REPORT

COME NEW Year's Day, Carmelites will be able to toss their crumpled Coke cans, already-perused Pine Cones, empty Chianti bottles and shoe boxes all in one big recycling bin, according to Carmel Assistant City Administrator Greg D'Ambrosio.

Carmel Marina Waste Management will soon deliver new 64-gallon containers to replace the three plastic bins that residents currently use for their recyclables. People can either keep those bins for use around the house, or leave them out on the curb for Carmel Marina to take away, according to D'Ambrosio.

The new convenience, which D'Ambrosio hopes will boost Carmel's recycling rate from 52 percent to 65 percent — will come at a small price. Carmel Marina rates will increase 4.7 percent, to $25.75 a month for customers who use a 64-gallon trash container and $17.58 for those who use the 32-gallon trash can. Residents can request a 32-gallon recycling bin as opposed to its larger counterpart.

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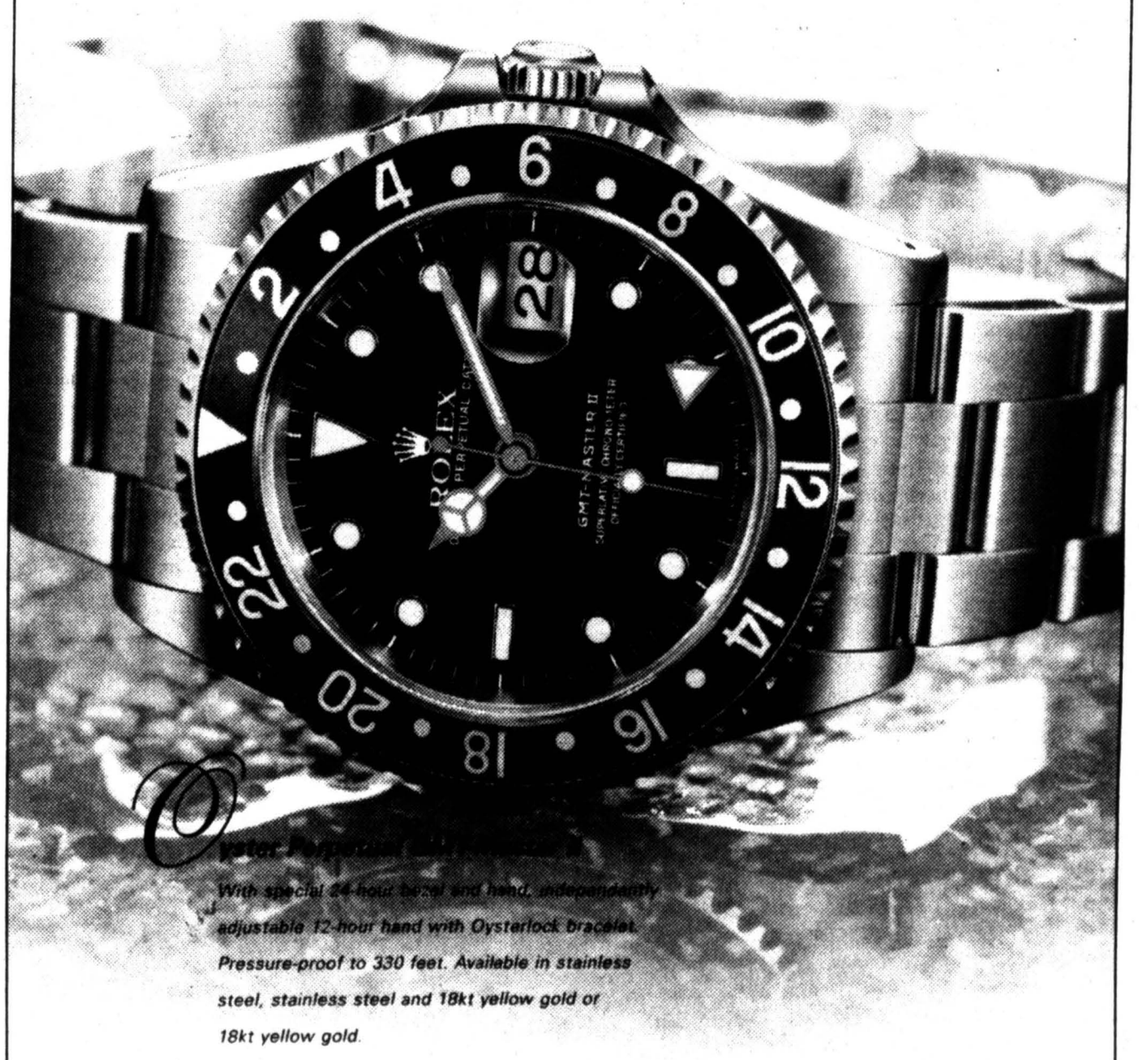
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Police & Sheriff's Log

No holiday joy in irate shopper's snit fit

HERE'S A look at some of the significant calls logged by the Carmel-by-the-Sea Police Department and the Monterey County Sheriff's Department last week.

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 1

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Report of construction work in progress at Dolores and First. Contacted workers on scene and advised them to cease their activities. Work may require a permit. Follow-up pending.

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Report of a possible gas leak at Monte Verde and Seventh. CFD responded and advised PG&E of the problem.

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Report of a disturbance at Junipero and Fifth.

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Driver was stopped at Highway 1 and Ocean due to expired registration and found to be unlicensed. Vehicle towed and stored by Carmel Chevron.

MONDAY, DECEMBER 2

Carmel-by-the-Sea: A dog was found at large at San Carlos and 13th and brought to the station. The owner came to pick it up. She was warned concerning the violation and not charged a kennel fee.

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Mission Street resident called to report her husband was three hours overdue returning home. Just after taking the information, the husband called home and reported he was fine and was taking care of some business.

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Report of two males becoming loud and obnoxious at a San Carlos establishment. Female requested a walk through. Upon arrival they had left on their own accord. They were inebriated and a taxi was contacted to take them home. Stood by until they were transported. They were advised not to return to their vehicles. Female advised.

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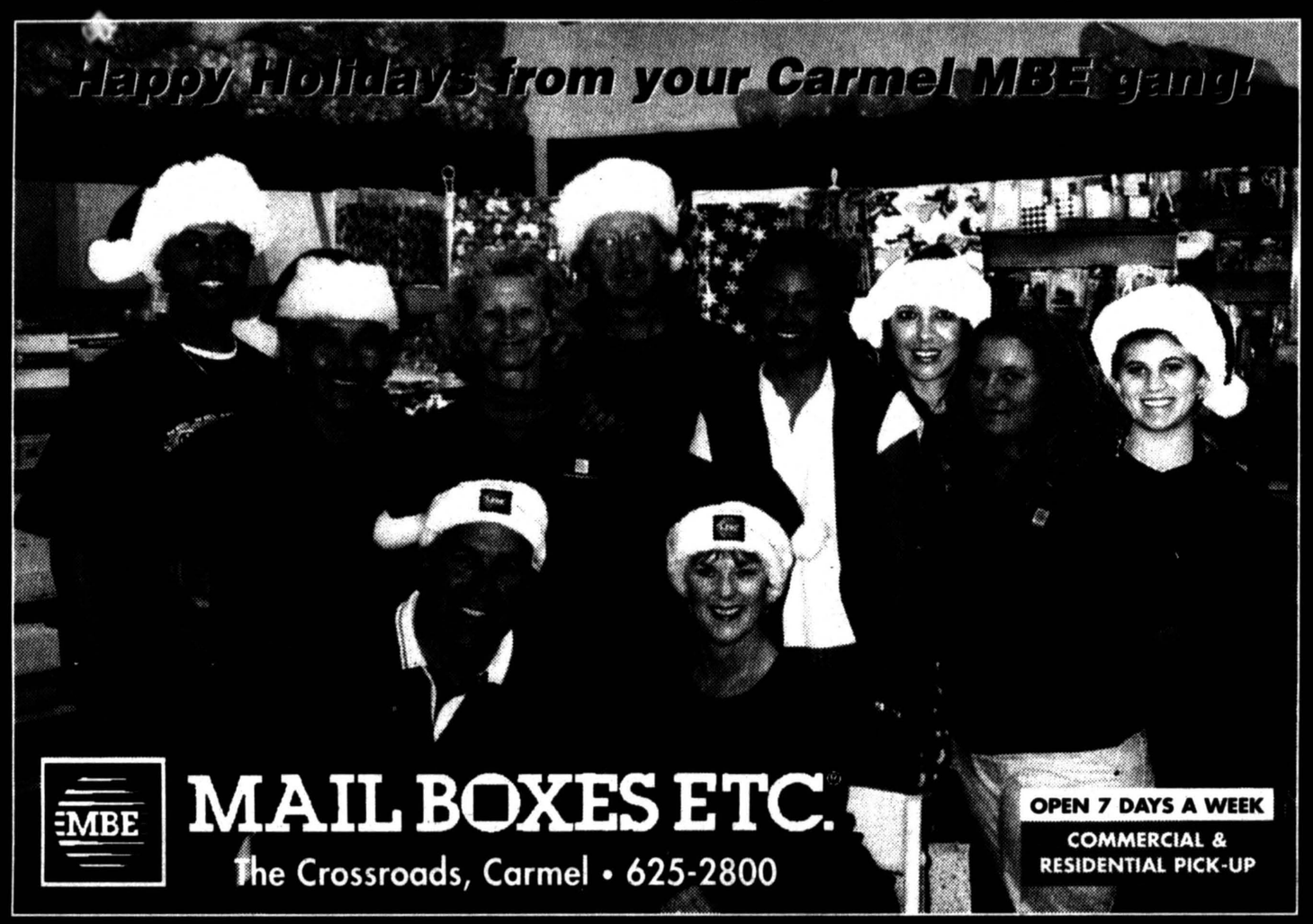
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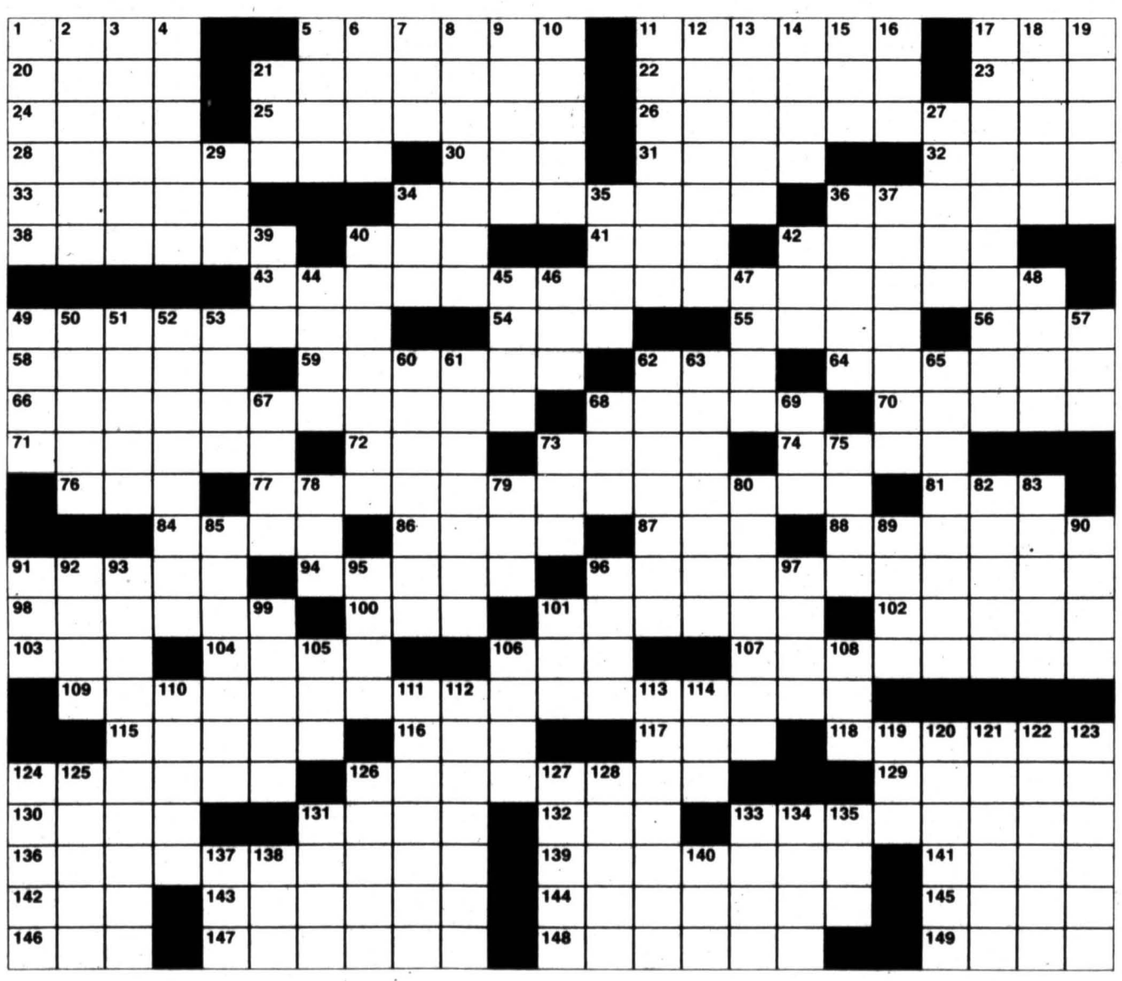

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20 Part of l'union
21 Mathematician John Von ___
22 Genesis locale
23 Article in Le Soir
24 Deli spread
25 Crew member
26 He hit a home run to end the 1960 World Series
28 Big company hookup
30 Mideast grp.
31 Turned on by
32 Stuff
33 ___-guided
34 West Indian musical pieces
36 Quick breads
38 Special, perhaps
40 One in a pen
41 N.C. State is in it
42 Place for Chicago touchdowns
43 Lyric poet who wrote "Tears," 1899
49 N. Calif. peak
54 Greetings
55 Kind of sch.
56 Word part: Abbr.
58 Star
59 Friend of Porthos
62 J. P. Morgan offering, for short
64 Contract addenda
66 Soap set in Salem
68 Ceaselessly
70 Just beat (out)
71 Frosts
72 ___ Barton (first Triple Crown winner)
73 Big cheese
74 Sign
76 Maximilian I's realm: Abbr.
77 Start of an exaggeration
81 G.I. rank
84 Actress Suvari of "American Beauty"
86 Commercial time of day
87 French pronoun
88 Actress Bloom
91 Religious figures
94 Big pipes
96 French monarch who ordered the St. Bartholomew's Day Massacre, 1572
98 "___ Unplugged" (hit 1999 album)
100 Mac rivals
101 Crow's-nest cry
102 In other words
103 Hole goal
104 Opposite of "Hurray!"
106 Kiddie ___
107 Dynamite
109 1807 Wordsworth poem
115 Decreases?
116 Honorary deg. that Harvard awarded George Washington
117 Prosecute
118 Waylay
124 Letter?
126 Gets fuel
129 Blood line
130 One of Dostoevsky's "Brothers Karamazov"
131 Compound W's target
132 To be, in Bolivia
133 Long hauler
136 "Gender blender," e.g.
139 ABC, for one
141 Lodges
142 When TV's "Route 66" aired: Abbr.
143 Heat maker
144 Throwing style
145 Goddess on a trophy
146 Draft org.
147 Future stars
148 Coin replaced by the euro
149 Kind of house, in England

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1 Glasses part
2 Jazz fan?
3 Noted parade day
4 Rioter, maybe
5 Tackle
6 Read but not post, in a chat room
7 Meditation sounds
8 Runaway
9 Completely
10 Bug
11 Mallomars maker
12 Puerto Ayacucho's river
13 Seasons
14 "___ & Janis" (comic strip)
15 Hasty escape
16 Capt.'s prediction
17 Trades
18 It's covered by a high top
19 Simon and Diamond
21 Pencil inscription
27 Bad day's record for a batter
29 Poet's preposition
34 Iowa college
35 Cats' dogs
36 Blacksmith
37 Ruby
39 1997 U.S. Open champ
40 Foe of Lenin
42 Rice University player
44 Not roman: Abbr.
45 "Get ___!"
46 Frozen Wasser
47 Watergate figure
48 Rochester's love
49 Start of the 15th century
50 Do schoolwork?
51 More cunning
52 Howard of "WKRP in Cincinnati"
53 "___ Ben Adhem"
57 Acid
60 Relating to high-tech flight
61 Small falcons
62 Injection material
63 Echo
65 Longtime "Saturday Night Live" announcer
67 It's on the left side of the third row back
68 Queenside castle, in chess notation
69 White dwarf
73 "Later"
75 Kind of engr.
78 Time in D.C. when it's noon in Cairo
79 Sot's problem
80 Lingerie item
82 Butcher's cut
83 Dimin.'s opposite
85 Former "Monday Night Football" commentator
89 Stretched out
90 Street two blocks south of St. Marks Pl. in N.Y.C.
91 Small dog's spot
92 Jai ___
93 "Time's Arrow" author
95 Church area
96 The Green Hornet's sidekick
97 Maine ___ cat
99 Bias
101 Mendacity
105 Situps' target
106 Old Fords
108 Links letters
110 Farsi speaker
111 Four-___ (big fire)
112 Woolen overcoats
113 Loan sharks' practices
114 Schweppes brand
119 Framer's need
120 Dull
121 Astronomy Muse
122 Bombed
123 Grimm boy
124 Spats
125 Hall-of-Fame second baseman Johnny
126 "Talking in Your Sleep" singer
127 Prevent
128 Start a point
131 Caprice
133 Greek house, for short
134 ___ avis
135 Kind of film, in brief
137 When the Roman general Drusus Senior died
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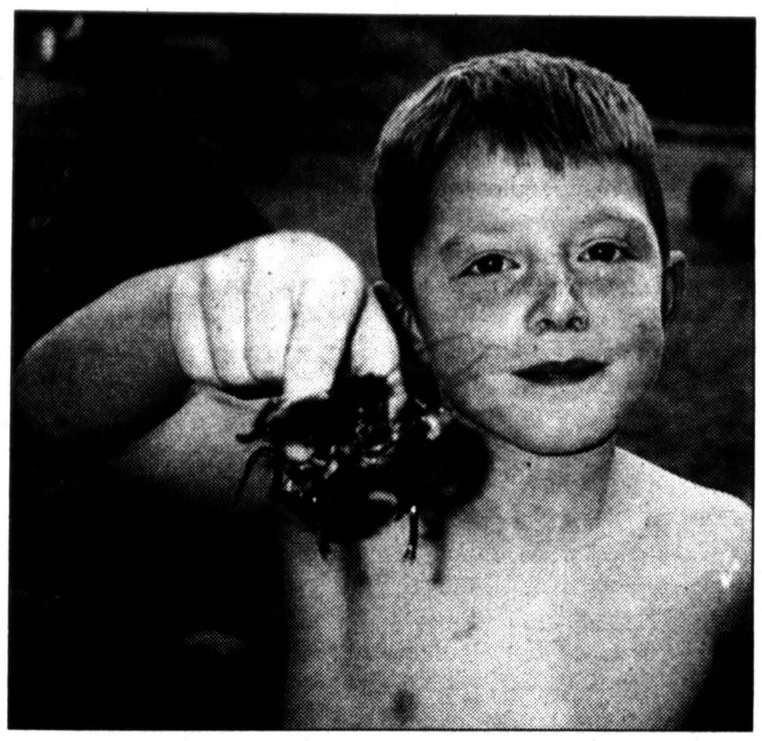
Valley rallies to help tragic accident's young survivor

By MARY BROWNFIELD

A HORRIFIC car wreck that killed a Marina mother and her two young sons left one family member — 11-year-old Lauren Thompson — fighting for her life. Carmel Valley residents who came to know the Thompsons through the Big Brothers Big Sisters program have banded together to start a trust fund on her behalf.

Christina Thompson, 30, died just after 10 p.m. Nov. 30 on Highway 198 when her car crossed over the center line and collided head on with a truck being driven by Jose Mares, a Greenfield man who was also killed. The accident took the life of 7-year-old James Thompson and his brother, 8-year-old John Thompson. The older boy had become a Carmel Valley Village fixture after hooking up with big brother Brad Boghosian in April.



PHOTO/BRAD BOGHOSIAN

John Thompson, 8, became a Carmel Valley "river rat," adept at catching crawdads under the tutelage of his "big brother" Brad Boghosian. John was killed in a Nov. 30 car accident, and C.V. residents have opened a trust fund to help his 11-year-old sister, Lauren, the only Thompson to survive.

"He was very outgoing, loved to meet people, and loved to interact and to learn. He was a true boy at heart," Boghosian said. "He was so dynamic and had this special glow that left such an impression on people. He would light them up."

"There was something just so unbelievable about this little guy," friend Leslie Voss said of the 8 year old, who took quickly to the outdoor activities — like hiking and swimming in the river — that figure so prominently in valley life. John was particularly talented at catching crawdads, according to Boghosian, and became the youngest member of the Carmel River Steelhead Association, often embarking on fish rescues.

"He was rarely dry," Voss said.

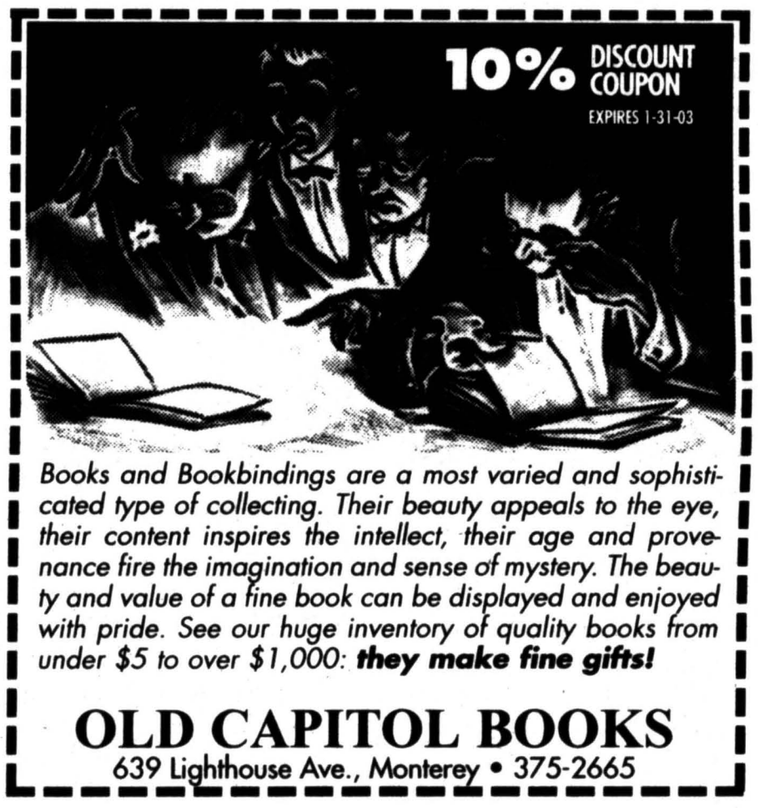
Boghosian, who at 42 has no children of his own, decided to join Big Brothers Big Sisters after recalling that his father had been involved and that it seemed a great way to give.

"You take on a child and be his mentor and learn to grow with him and hopefully it will be a lifelong relationship," said Boghosian, who kept a journal of the many Saturdays he and John shared. "I was so fortunate that when I went to pick him up and drop him off, I really grew to know the mother and Lauren and James so well. All of her children were so bright and polite — they were really a tribute to her and I was very thankful for that."

Now, the boys are gone. But Lauren, who remains in a Fresno hospital, is showing signs of coming out of her coma and will eventually go to live with her aunt and uncle in the Mission Viejo area.

Voss and Boghosian hope people who knew John or are simply touched by the Thompsons' tragic story will help provide for Lauren's future, which is sure to include extensive rehabilitation and other known challenges.

Checks can be made out to the Lauren Thompson Fund, First National Bank account No. 44044899, and can either be deposited at the bank or mailed to P.O. Box 39, Carmel Valley, CA 93924. Anyone with questions can call 659-1500. For information on the Big Brothers Big Sisters program, call 655-9231.



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written all over it," Potter said. "I think we're very close to getting it there. I do think there's middle ground and I want to take the next three months to look at it."

Outgoing commission chairwoman Sara Wan noted that while she isn't a fan of "preferential parking," she didn't necessarily see the need for all-night parking.

"I can understand where after midnight there would be a noise factor," she said.

(The city wants a longer nighttime restriction on parking, from 10:30 p.m. to 5 a.m.)

Newly elected chairman Mike Reilly said the commission should look at how cutting floor area could impact families. "I'm wondering if the difference between 1,600 and 1,800 makes a difference for families with kids. It needs to be looked at. I don't have the answer."

A group of Carmel residents made the trip to San Francisco to support the coastal staff's position on cutting the size of homes and to urge the adoption of strict provisions to protect Carmel's "community character."

"At 5 a.m. this morning, 24 people got up to catch a chartered bus from Carmel to San Francisco," said Constance Wright. "We want the best protection for our village."

Preservation activist Enid Sales urged the commission to designate Carmel as a "special community needing special protection."

City councilwoman Barbara Livingston said that while she voted with the rest of the city council to support the city's version of its LUP, she did so with serious reservations. She said the coastal staff's proposal to cut the floor area maximum "would allow for more trees, more privacy and more open space" while protecting the city's character.

At times, the commissioners, apparently still reeling from the two-day struggle to elect a new chair, didn't give the speakers their full attention. At one point the commission momentarily lost its quorum because so many commissioners had strolled out of the room.

Carmel officials, who arranged for the meeting to be videotaped, said it would be broadcast at 8 a.m. Sunday, Dec. 15 on KMST Channel 26.

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Good deed nets $10,000 donation

By MARY BROWNFIELD

GOOD WORK by three animal shelter employees inspired a family to donate $10,000 to the Monterey County Animal Services Center currently under construction in Salinas. The supervisors voted Dec. 10 to accept the Webb Family Trust's contribution, along with another $12,082 in donations gathered by the nonprofit Friends of the Animal Services Center over the past year.

Although she did not know exactly what the employees did to motivate the Webb family's gift, Monterey County Animal Services Director Kathy Prew told The Pine Cone that "Monterey County has really emphasized the need for employees to provide extraordinary customer service, so for something like that to happen is a tremendous feather in their cap."

At the board meeting, health department director Len Foster applauded Aireen Agbayani, Barbara Allen and Lee Kaplan for their work at the shelter.

"These are the three employees responsible for the receipt of the $10,000 donation as a result of outstanding customer service," he said. "It's an example of it paying off in real dividends."

The money will help pay for the spay and neuter clinic at the new animal services center, which will replace the county's current shelter in a World War I-era Fort Ord building. Construction at the five-acre Hitchcock Road property in Salinas began more than a year ago and should be completed by April 2003, according to Prew.

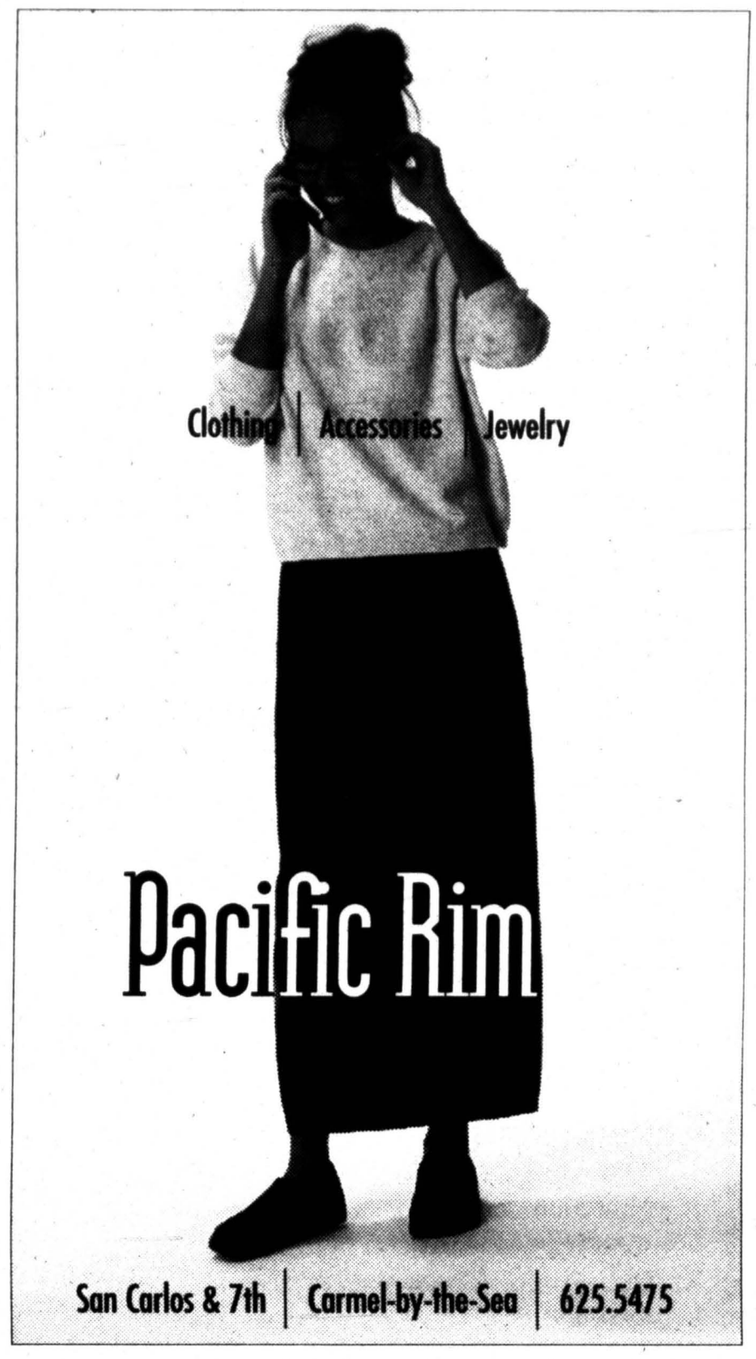
The Friends group has also raised $7,600 for the new center by soliciting donations from people who will have their pets immortalized in a mural at the center, and the group obtained a $5,000 grant from the Kinoull Foundation for the spay/neuter clinic.

The new facility, which Prew said is "going up really nicely" but still requires many finishing touches before it can open, will also feature:

- education and training programs for pet owners and volunteers;
- reception area for adoption and recovery of stray and lost animals;
- quarantine area for animals that have bitten humans;
- isolation areas for sick animals;
- a cattery for stray and adoptable cats;
- indoor-outdoor dog runs;
- small livestock pens;
- "real-life" get-acquainted areas; and
- food preparation, licensing and dispatch areas.

Meanwhile, abandoned pets and other strays still inhabit the shelter in Marina, where they could use some extra hands and some help staying warm through the winter.

The shelter always needs volunteers, according to Prew, and the blankets and towels donated by generous people to help line the cages and warm the animals are quickly wearing out. To donate time or something warm and fuzzy, contact the animal shelter at 442-3857.



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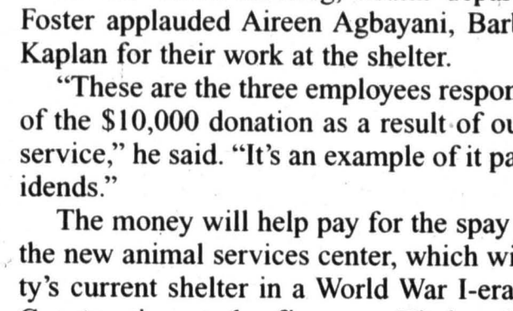

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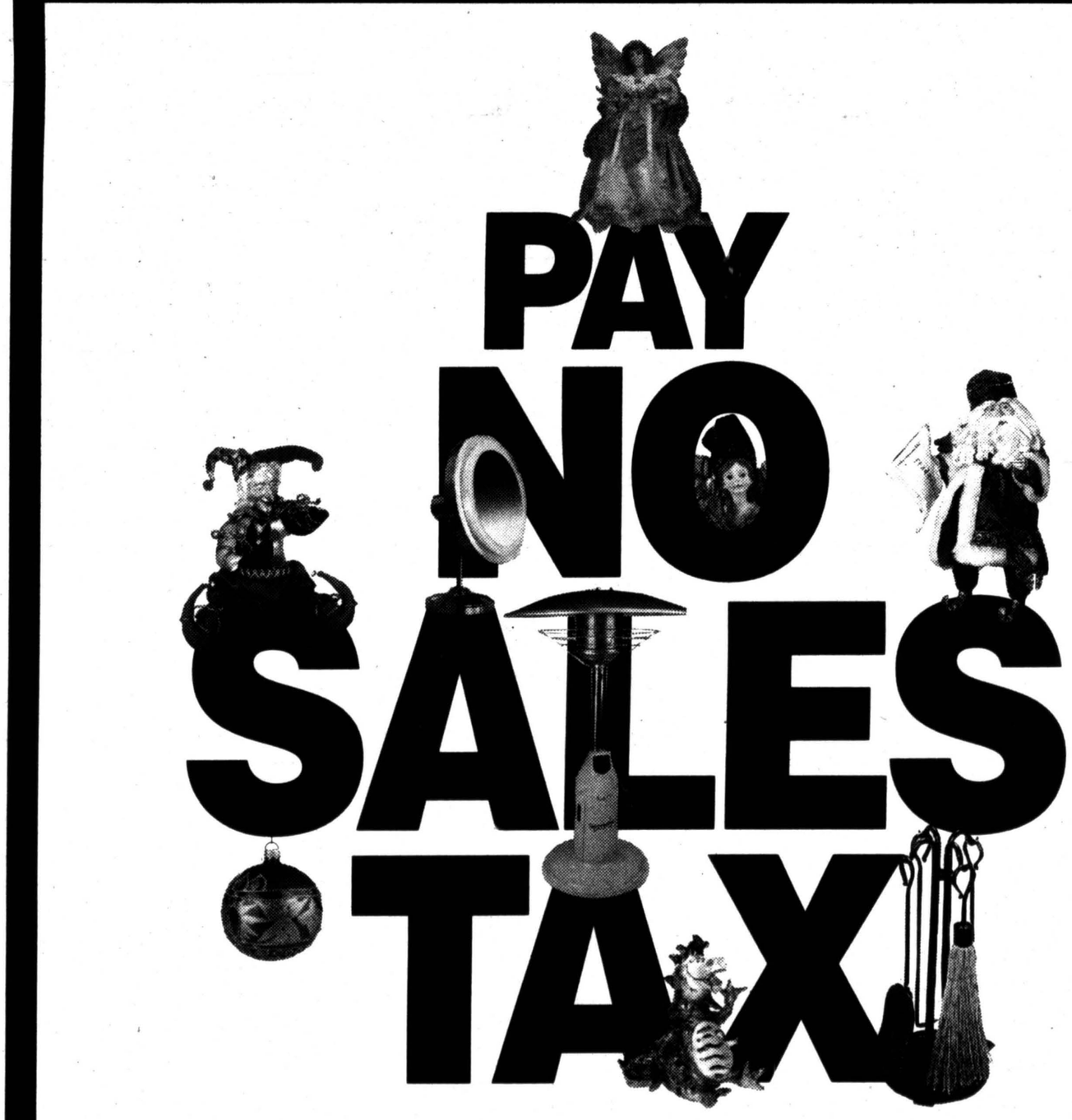

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Carmel Valley

Sound walls to muffle C.V. guns

By MARY BROWNFIELD

THE GUNFIRE at a shooting range on Robinson Canyon Road should make a lot less noise, under a plan OK'd this month by the Carmel Valley Land Use Advisory Committee and the county.

The committee and the zoning administrator gave their blessings to a proposal from Carmel Associated Sportsmen, Inc., to install new sound walls at the shooting range, which was built in 1960.

The sound walls — which will be built at the group's pistol and rifle range and the trap and skeet range — constitute the next step in the club's efforts to modernize its facilities, particularly in terms of soundproofing.

Replacement of several old buildings at the range began this summer. The new buildings are almost finished, according to CASI Vice President Robert Ashmore, a member since 1972.

But the walls will be the most important step in keeping the noise of pistols, rifles and shotguns being fired from disturbing the neighbors. A porous material called Pyrock will be shot onto concrete walls ranging in height from 6 to 29 feet.

"It's supposed to absorb sound — it's what they put on freeway walls in really congested areas," Ashmore said.

On Dec. 2 the committee considered and ultimately recommended the zoning administrator approve the sound-wall application, though three of the walls were already almost complete due to a planning snafu.

"The county evidently issued the building permit for the lower walls without going through the LUAC, so the contractor started building it," Ashmore explained. "And then the county went, 'Oops,' two weeks later."

The club was allowed to keep working on the walls under construction but was required to obtain approval for four other sound walls. A 25-foot length of one of the walls has to receive additional permits because it will be built on a slope greater than 30 percent.

A neighbor who has complained about the noise in the past asked the committee to approve anything that would help mitigate it, according to CVLUAC Chairman Joe Hertlein. The committee unanimously approved the new walls, which will drop the decibel level from 70 to 42, Hertlein said.

CASI, started by a group of "conservation-minded sportsmen" in 1949, according to Ashmore, is limited to 100 members and does not allow hunting on its property.

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Rio Run: *Make a difference on day one, hung over or not*

By MARY BROWNFIELD

RUNNERS RESOLVED to start the new year off on the right foot helped raise more than $25,000 for Suicide Prevention Service of the Central Coast this year, and Rio Resolution Run organizer Tony Tollner hopes to shatter that record at the 2003 race scheduled to take place in Carmel on New Year's Day.

"You don't have to be in great shape — almost anybody can walk three miles. And there's the 6.8-mile run so those who want to be challenged, can be," Tollner said. "There's not an emphasis on setting personal bests, but on coming out and starting the new year right. Last year, we had a lot of parents with strollers, a lot of kids, dogs on leashes and whole families participating."

2003 will mark the race's 13th running. Known for its picturesque, meandering route through downtown Carmel — including a trek across the beach for those in the longer run — the Rio Run also affords participants a signature long-sleeve T-shirt, a post-race brunch served up by members of Kiwanis Club of Monterey, and loads of prizes.

"The top finishers in the different age groups get prizes, but we also have random drawings for running shoes, heart monitors, jackets, running gear and gift certificates to all sorts of hotels, as well as airline tickets to anywhere in the country," he said.

The race, set to begin at 9 a.m. in front of the Rio Grill in The Crossroads Shopping Village, is limited to 1,000 runners this year. To register, pick up a form at the Rio Grill or The Treadmill, or register online at www.active.com. The cost is $25 for adults, $17 for runners 12 and under, until Dec. 20, after which the entry fees will increase. Race day registration opens at 7:30 a.m. For more information, call the race hotline at 644-2427.

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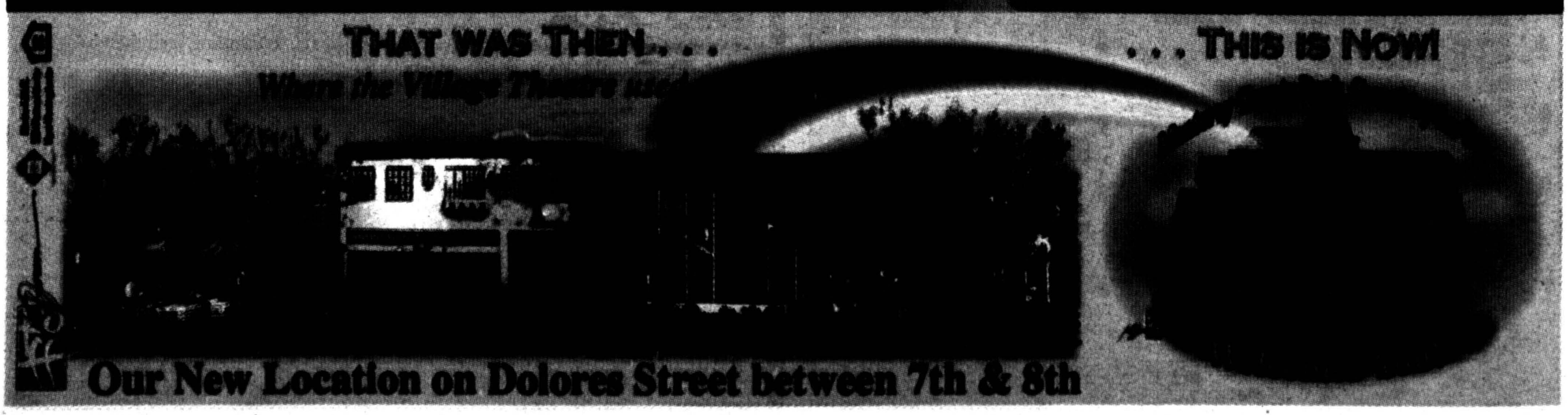

COASTAL

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The fierce battle over the commission has been the focus of much media attention and speculation ever since Wan lost her bid for reelection to her fourth year as chairwoman by a 7-5 vote in November. Despite a month of fervent campaigning, including a letter-writing blitz by the Sierra Club on her behalf, Wan apparently realized she could not win.

After she bowed out, the commission split into two camps, one supporting Potter and the other backing Reilly, who is a close Wan ally. After the first vote resulted in a stalemate, with each man earning six votes, commissioners in both camps made it clear they weren't going to budge. A second vote Wednesday produced identical results.

"This has been a long, contentious process and it's played out in every possible arena, including the media," Desser said. "It was very difficult, very embarrassing. Untruths were flying."

Clearly, the debate over the next coastal chairman had been fought behind the scenes.

Even as reporters and observers filed into the meeting room before Wednesday's hearing, Reilly, Wan and Desser met for what appeared to be a last-minute, intense conference. Meanwhile, Potter and an ally, commissioner Cynthia McClain-Hill of Los Angeles, could be seen holding counsel a short distance from the meeting room.

Commissioner William Burke, also of Los Angeles, apparently attended the meeting for the sole purpose of voting for chair. During the first break of the morning, Burke left the meeting and was replaced by his alternate, Susskind.

To the bitter end

All 12 coastal commissioners are Democrats, because the party controls the statehouse and the governor's mansion. But the fight over the chairmanship of the coastal commission laid bare a bitter split in the party between environmental activists, who oppose nearly every building project on the coast, and a more moderate wing of the Democratic Party — led by Governor Gray Davis and Assembly Speaker Herb Wesson — which holds that schools, affordable housing and even the occasional mansion can have their place on the California coast.

Potter, for example, recently supported a senior housing project near Pacific Grove's Lovers Point, and a new high school on agricultural land in Watsonville. Sierra Club activists cited the votes as evidence that Potter is a lackey for developers.

Some of them tried to make a dramatic statement by setting up a black cardboard coffin, bearing the title, "Coastal Act," outside the meeting room — apparently referring to the possibility that Potter would become chair.

His sudden emergence as a *bête noir* for the state's environmentalists is an ironic twist for Potter, who was elected as a Monterey County supervisor in 1996 on the strength of his strong record as a supporter of environmental causes. He played a major role in killing the Hatton Canyon freeway and calls himself "an environmentalist, but not an activist."

Many newspapers around the state have printed rumors of collusion between Potter and the Pebble Beach Company over the company's plan to build a new golf course. But Potter noted that he voted against the only Pebble Beach project — converting the Casa Palmero estate into a 24-room resort — that has come before the commission while he's been on it. The news reports also leave out the fact that the P.B. Co.'s new plan is a significant improvement over the development of more than 900 homes which were approved for Del Monte Forest by the coastal commission in the 1980s — long before Potter became a commissioner.

"If I had any feelings or sensibilities, I would be pretty battered by now," Potter said. "This has been unnecessarily contentious."

Wan, whose term as coastal commission chair ends this month, delivered a farewell address urging the commission to stay true to its mission and protect the coast.

"The Coastal Act is still the strictest environmental law in the nation and one we can be proud of," Wan said. "This commission has a duty and must have the courage to uphold the law and our independence."

Many audience members and the entire commission — including Potter — stood up to applaud Wan when she finished her impassioned speech, her voice cracking.

Just after the lunch break Thursday, Potter moved that Reilly be elected. A unanimous vote in Reilly's favor lifted the bitter feelings and anxious tension in the room.

"I hope this is the end of people being villified," Potter said.

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By MARY BROWNFIELD

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A statewide advocacy group, the California Alliance of Information & Referral Services, expects the PUC will soon allow the new special phone number to be available statewide, according to the group's coordinator, Burt Wallrich.

"The intent is that it would be used throughout California and the United States the same as 911, but for health and human service scenarios," he said in a telephone interview from his office in Southern California.

A hungry family in need of some hot food, a homeless man in search of shelter, a battered woman looking for a safe place to spend the night, someone who wants information on vaccinations or how to help in the wake of a disaster — all of these could dial 211 and obtain information rather than navigating a complex web of social services organizations and dealing with numerous phone numbers, according to Wallrich.

People answering the phone would have to meet national professional standards and be trained to evaluate callers' needs. "The person does an assessment and doesn't simply take what the caller says is the problem as the actual problem," Wallrich said.

The 211 system, which debuted in Atlanta in 1997 and was instituted in Connecticut a year later, taps into the extensive, comprehensive social services referral services most counties already have in place.

But it will require a little more work in Monterey County, Wallrich said. An existing agency could expand, a combination of different groups might field the calls or a new agency could be formed, he said.

The county would also have to determine how to pay for the service, Wallrich admitted, but it could tap into local, state and federal tax revenues, and seek charitable contributions.

The Federal Communications Commission has already set aside use of 211 for social service calls and Wallrich said his group believes the California PUC will soon hand down rules that would allow counties to implement the system.

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Christmas Day
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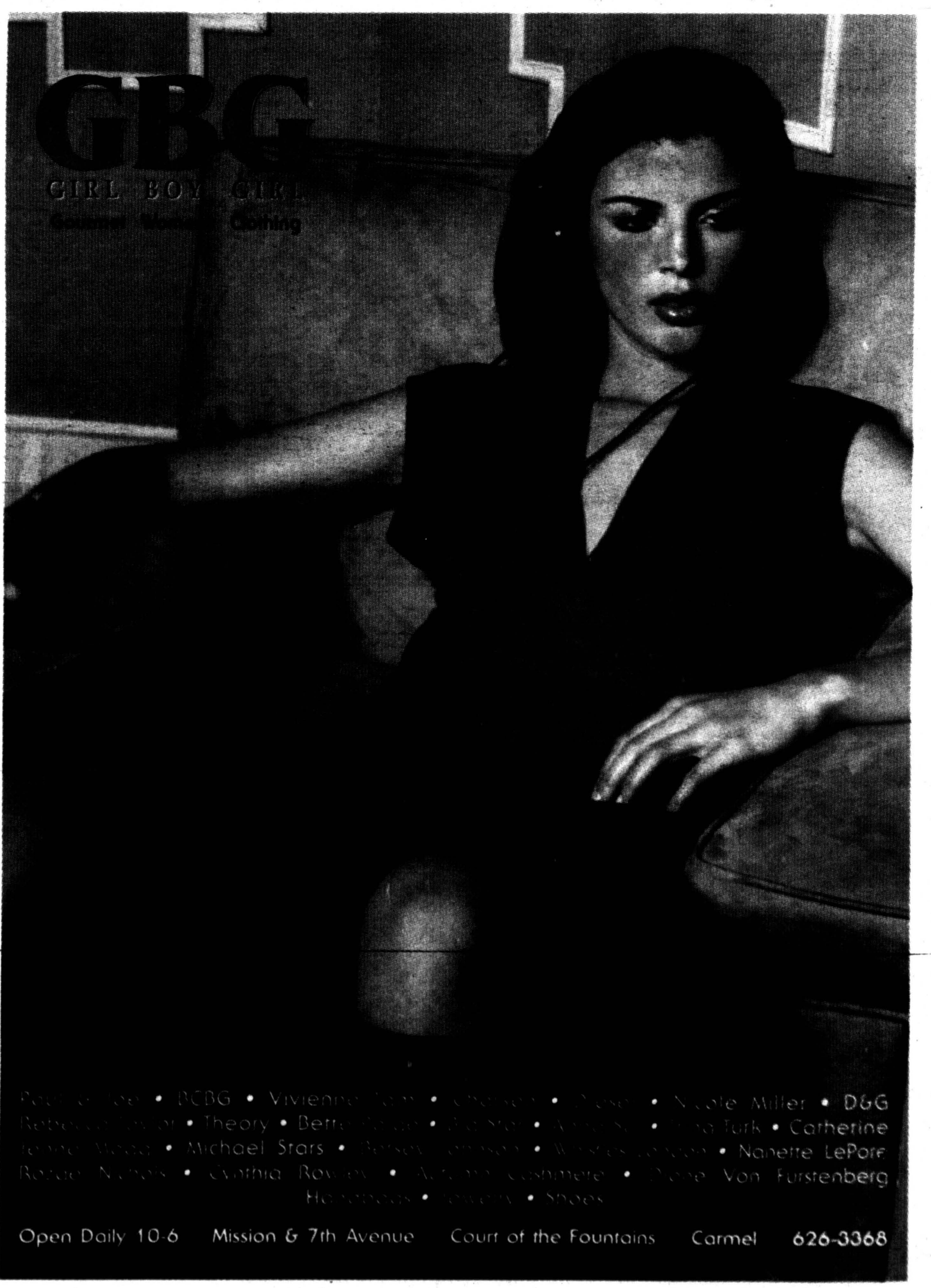
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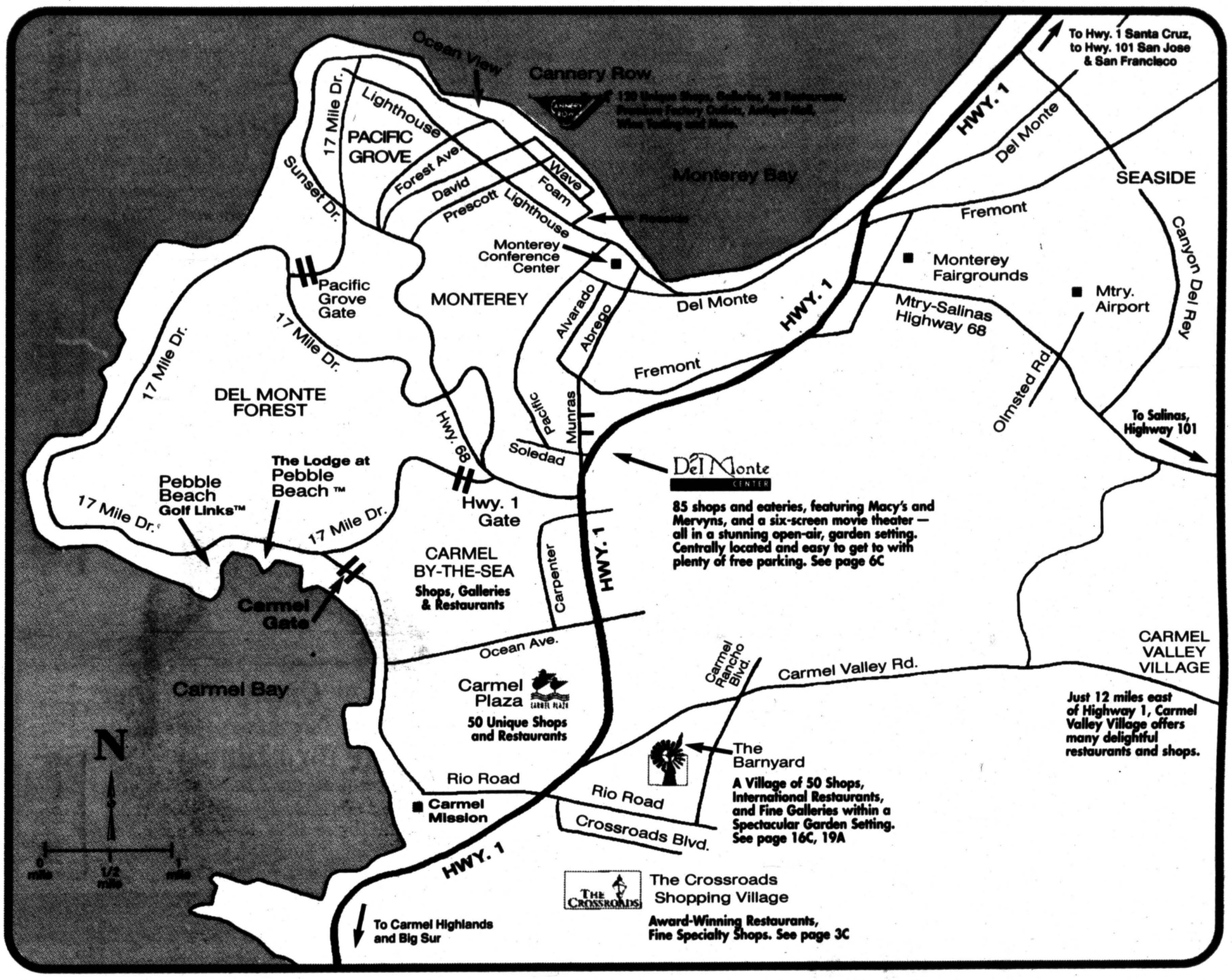

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SUGARPLUM MOMENT

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WHAT: Dance Kids of Monterey County perform "Nutcracker 2002"
WHEN: 7:30 p.m. Friday and Saturday and 2:30 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 13-15
WHERE: Golden Bough Theatre, Monte Verde between Eighth and Ninth, Carmel
COST: $18 adults; $13 children, seniors and military
INFO/RESERVATIONS: 373-7300

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WHAT: The Carmel Music Society presents the Burning River Brass performing the world premiere of a piece by Tony di Lorenzo
WHEN: 8 p.m. Friday, Dec. 13
WHERE: Pacific Grove Middle School, 835 Forest Ave., Pacific Grove
COST: $25, $35, and $15 for students
INFO/RESERVATIONS: 625-9938

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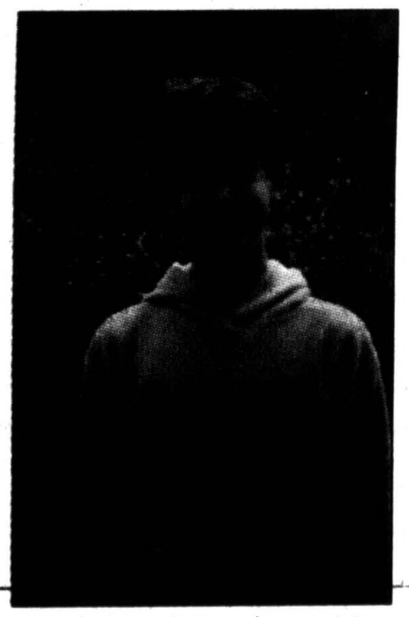

WHAT: Noah Freedman, 12, a Carmel Middle School student and violinist of note, will perform at the Carmel Woman's Club. He is joined by a 16-member children's chorus, and pianist Stacy Little, also 12.
WHEN: 2 p.m. Monday, Dec. 16
WHERE: Carmel Woman's Club, Ninth and San Carlos, Carmel-by-the-Sea
COST: $3 includes refreshments

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Kocek Jewelers' Cecile Smith; outgoing Carmel Business Association President Demi Briscoe; last year's Business of the Year winner, Kirkor Kocek; this year's winner, restaurateur and chef Kurt Grasing; incoming board president Larry Hoover and CBA executive director Brenda Roncarati were all smiles at the CBA's Green Ribbon awards gala.

THE **GREEN Ribbon of Excellence Awards Gala Dinner Event** at La Playa does take place around the holiday season. But for **Carmel Business Association** members, being awarded this color ribbon is having a very fancy feather in one's cap, too. This year's recipient of the Pitcher of Prosperity — the ultimate, best business award — was a totally dazed **Kurt Grasing** of **Grasing's** and **The Carmel Chophouse** restaurants. And all would agree it couldn't have gone to a nicer and more generous person . . . To the cheers of Yours Truly, and sales pros **Joann Kiehn** and **Barbara Gianotti** — who's also a CBA board member — **The Carmel Pine Cone's** head honcho, **Paul Miller**, received a Green Ribbon prize for the paper . . . **Bill & Vicky Mitchell** will have an extra reason to celebrate at their fab annual holiday party at their home for **The Mitchell Group** employees, as the firm got its own Green Ribbon . . . Other Green Ribbon winners were the **New Master's Gallery, Carmel Foundation, Forest Theater Guild, La Playa Hotel** and **Nielsen's Market** . . . **Carroll Fergusson** retired from the board, after a long stint surviving the ups and downs of Carmel business politics . . . **Richard Briscoe**, hubby of banker & departing CBA prez **Demi**, just retired from banking after 30 years and is getting into real estate. "We've been banking together for years!" he quipped . . . The quintessential gentleman, **Csaba Ajan**, played

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. . . and, by the way . . .

Pine Needles

By Sissi Maleki

NOT THAT I lack respect for the person who eats, lives and sleeps in blue jeans, but some things are hard to get away with when one is a froufrou columnist. And there are only so many times you can claim you've just arrived from an around-the-world trip and it was either come as you are or skip — gasp! — the event altogether.

So every year during the holiday season, I'm faced with a Houdiniesque challenge: what to wear to fit in with all the moods — artsy/hippy, casual/sporty, demure/conservative, tony cocktailish, glitzy gala — I'm going to encounter on my evening's seasonably typical, long itinerary.

What results is a form of strip-untease:

Artsy Stop #1: Walk in with longish coat, very colorful shawl and dark pumps.

Casual Stop #2: Ditch the shawl and roll up the coat sleeves.

Demure Stop #3: Roll down the sleeves and make sure coat is buttoned all the way up the neck. (By this time I'm huffing and puffing, so having to cover myself up better than the Afghan women did doesn't do much to keep my ladylike "glow" from running down my face.)

Cocktail Stop #4: Switch to high-heeled sandals and remove the coat (phew!), which reveals a short jacket over a low-cut dress.

Gala Stop #5: As drums roll, off with the jacket! Let the flesh appear!

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STAFF PLAYERS OFFER A SHORT AND MELANCHOLY JOURNEY

By BEVERLY HILL VAN JOOLEN

THERE IS bittersweet and then there is out and out depressing. Staff Players' dual holiday offerings are billed as a "wonderful way for families to kick off the holidays." However, they are so full of misery, it's enough to invalidate the Christmas spirit altogether. That being said, the two one-act plays, by celebrated American playwright Thornton Wilder, are expertly acted and are an intriguing glimpse into early Americana.

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Directed by Marcia Gambrell Hovick and Diane Goyette, the two vignettes are true slice-of-life pieces. The first, "Happy Journey to Trenton and Camden," lasts no longer than a short drive to the country, which also happens to be the premise of the play. In their rumbling jalopy, a loving family heads to the country to visit their oldest daughter, Beulah (Amanda Wollard). Little brother Arthur (Grayson Huston), and big sister Caroline (Contessa Hannig), fight and annoy their mother (Mary McNamara) the entire way. In typical middle class fashion, their father (Jody Gilmore) drives on, totally unaffected by the hubbub. Married life isn't picture perfect for Beulah, but with her family's arrival, she is comforted and can get some rest.

Papa's vacation in "Happy Journey" is enjoyed by, from left, Lauren Brown, Jody Gilmore, Mary McNamara and Lewis Deyerle.

Huston and Hannig were delightful as the bickering but likable children. They were believable, expressive and showed an excellent command of the stage. The roles are double cast with Lewis Deyerle and Lauren Brown on alternating weekends. Even with a liberal age difference between them, Gilmore and McNamara are outstanding as the simple-minded, older parents. Wollard's role as the married daughter is brief but heartfelt.

After a short intermission, the stage is set with a table dressed for a holiday meal and "The Long Christmas Dinner" begins. Continuing the theme of families, this play follows upperclass Roderick and Lucia through several generations of their Christmas dinners. Babies are born, old folks die and young men go off to war, never to return. Real life compressed and replayed over and over with the only difference being the faces and outfits. There's not nearly enough humor in "Dinner" to relieve the overwhelming sense of loss and fate. Again, however, the cast did a superb job with the intriguing but lean script.

Peter Eberhardt is charming, as always, as Roderick and Tracy Brown is poised as his wife, Lucia. Time passes and family members come and go like riders on a carousel. All the performances are appreciated but special note must be made of the old cousins, Ermengarde (Jennifer Forbes) and Brandon (Steve Harris). Their subtlety of expression and manner suggests the essence of their characters to perfection.

Staged at the Indoor Forest Theatre, the Wilder plays use minimal set design by Blaine Yeats and CET (Children's Experimental Theatre) student interns to good effect. Costumes, by Adrienne Wellisch, adeptly establish the time periods.

"Journey" and "Dinner" are interesting short pieces. They are perhaps not the happiest way to kick of the season, but they certainly make one appreciate the good things in life. Quills up.

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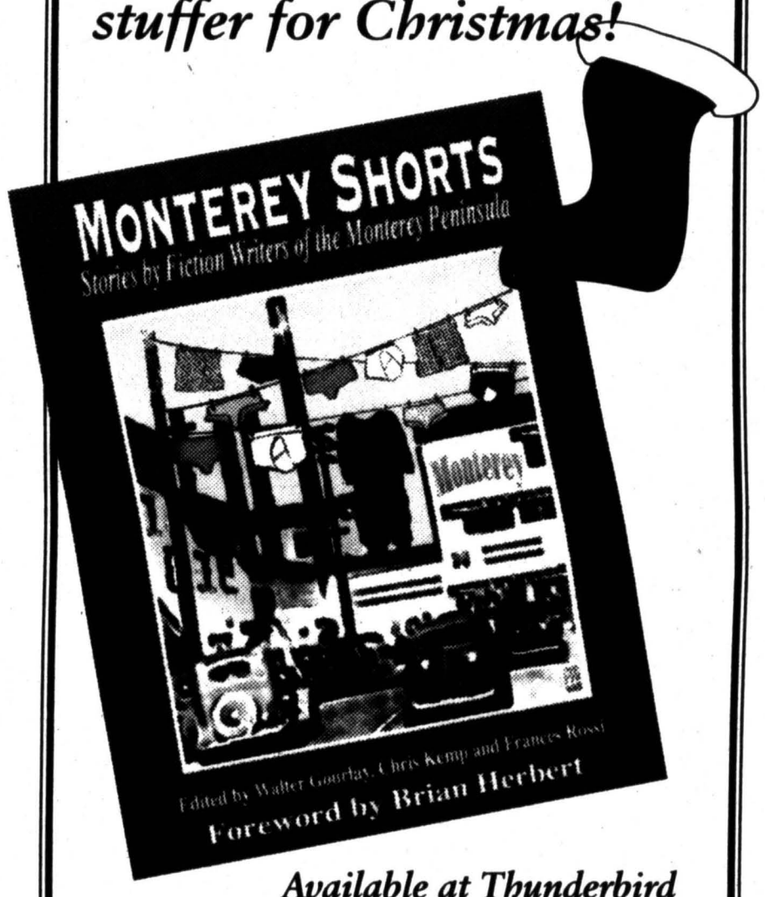
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NEEDLES

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escort to **Courtney Stanley**. He explained: "Every once in a while, a blind chicken finds a kernel of corn!" . . . Local politicos included Mayor **Sue McCloud** and Councilman **Gerard Rose** . . . **Sylvie Vidal's** still feeling the thrill of having her own shop at Carmel Plaza, "Amanda" . . . **Bob Mulford** looked like he was smoothly moving in on a young thing — who turned out to be **Holly Blackwell**, mother to five kids; she must have a secret face cream recipe . . . **Alan & Sandy Cordan** keep track of their five grandkids and the kudos their son **Andy**, an ABC-TV reporter in Nashville, continues to receive. To date, he's earned three Ed Murrow awards and five regional Emmys . . . **Gilda Soulé** peddled raffle tickets . . . It's been more than a year now that **Tom Cole** and **Beth Culbertson** saw each other at the Taste of Carmel and became inseparable. "I took one look and I was hooked," Tom confessed . . . **Mia McKee** had sister **Anne Sadovsky**, a motivational speaker, visiting from Dallas . . . La Playa's Tom Glidden, of course, was with his sexy wife, **Michelle** . . . Others there: **Sherry St. Clair, Sandy Scott, Leslie Miller, Chris Manke**, and **Baird & Elizabeth Pittman**.

■ **Yes for Carmel says yes to holiday fun!**

'Twas the evening for twinkling lights and warm wishes at the Cypress Inn when **Yes for Carmel** held its Christmas party . . . **Lizzie Martin**, with hubby **Cappy** in tow, looked forward to resting during the holidays. "We just entertained 20 people and survived!" she explained . . . **Niels Reimers** is a retiree from Stanford, where he was in charge of licensing technology developed by student & faculty. Now he & wife **Jan** keep busy with four grandkids . . . **Shelly Cullin** soon will be singing at the City's Plush Room, one of the top cabarets in the States . . . **Vernell Sutherland**'s involved with "The Circle," a women's group soon to host Oxford scholar Andrew Harvey when he lectures at Asilomar on the "motherhood of God" . . . **Olof & Lucia Dahlstrand** caught up with **Marion & Glenn Leidig** . . . **Clyde & Pam Klaumann** can hardly wait for their first grandchild, due Feb. 8 . . .

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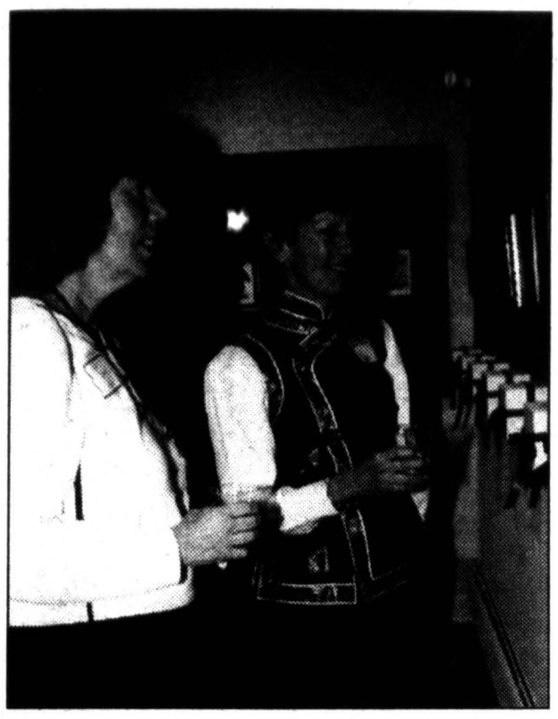

Artists Carol Cowen and Paula Tuerk admired other artists' work at the Monterey Museum of Art's Miniature Show

Others seen: **Sandy Chaix, Laurie Schumann, Mary Lippitt, Pat Vankirk, Terry Layne, Diane Flanders, Jesse Fry, Kris Cromwell, Erl Lagerholm, Mellanie Moran, Vicki Spranza** and **Mary Ellen Hicks**.

■ Museum of Art's miniature arts season

One of **Monterey Museum of Art's** most popular events, the **Artists' Miniature** reception, was a shoulder to shoulder crowd again this year. It's the one where guests buy raffle tickets to try to win their favorite artist's miniature piece of art . . . **Mary Hill**, herself a talented photographer & contributor, was one of the longtime volunteers on hand to help out . . . **Emily Wallis**, wearing a traditional Austrian outfit, came with hubby **Dan** . . . Art teacher **Sandra Wolfson** came with **Madeline**, 2, who's been indoctrinated in good art even "while in utero." . . . Other artists on hand included **Carol Cowen, Paula Tuerk, Tom Davies** (with his Welsh brogue), **Jan Wagstaff, Paula Walzer, Cynthia Johnson** and **Melissa Pickford.**

■ Condor releases to the highest bidders

The **Ventana Wilderness Society Holiday Release Auction**, featuring the opportunity to release California Condors into the Ventana Wilderness, was held at Pacific Grove's Museum of Natural History. The group focuses on plant and animal species native to this area. This was the first chance for the public to get in on this thrilling experience. As a condor crew volunteer described it, "It's an extremely intense experience." . . . **Shirley Idleman**, a zoologist who keeps up with developments in condor rehabilitation, came with hubby **Jim**, a retired PG&E guy who now lives his dream of being a folk singer . . . Local wildlife fairy godmother **Jeanne Holmquist** attended . . . Seen there: **Frank Strehlitz, Tim Doyle, Myrna & Maya Kakis, DeDe Bent, Dianne Driessen, Donna Kaufama, Robyn Bauer, Pet Scrivari** and, of course, executive director **Kelly Sorenson,** condor coordinator **Joe Burnett** and board prez **Sal Lucido**.

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Bookshop and garden join forces for Carmel ambiance; Charles Page says, 'Listen!'

HERE'S A happy announcement: As of this Saturday, Dec. 14, **The Pilgrim's Way Bookstore** on Dolores between Fifth and Sixth, Carmel-by-the-Sea, is expanding by incorporating the back area, which was for years The Secret Garden. The geodesic dome remains, but more small sitting areas in the garden have been created. **Paul Fridlund**, owner, said, "We want it to be like a sanctuary. The secret garden is a magical place; we're carrying on the magic that's been a culmination of all the previous owners and their input."

While the garden area will offer plants, fountains and statuary, Fridlund said he will feature local crafts; anything that will withstand the elements. "We want to foster a sense of community with the bookstore and garden," he said. "Carmel-by-the-Sea really needs the small, independent stores which add so much to the fabric of the community."

With the reopening of the garden shop, the bookstore and the garden area will be accessible from San Carlos (down the walkway next to Simic Art Gallery), and from Dolores. Birds will sing again in the bamboo-lined walking path between the bookstore and Em Le's, and recorded music will be played almost subliminally in the garden area.

With Books, Inc. closing recently, Paul thinks of The Pilgrim's Way Bookstore as being a last book bastion in Carmel-by-the-Sea. While the shop has become known as an alternative bookstore, featuring mind-body-spirit books, Paul says he can order any kind of book whatsoever for those who call or come in.

Fridlund, who has owned the bookstore 13 years, is one of five owners over the past 33 years. The shop also features gifts, cards, jewelry, and music CDs. Assistants in the shop are his fiancée, **Cynthia Fernandes** (they plan to marry next September), **Lori Paulick** and **Rachel Ray**.

A community open house is in the offing, with Saturday, Dec. 21 being the target date. Treats and wine are planned for 7 to 9 p.m.

Best wishes to Paul Fridlund on this inspiring amalgam of books and garden. This is a big step forward in returning Carmel-by-the-Sea to its former intimate ambiance. For information, call 624-4955.

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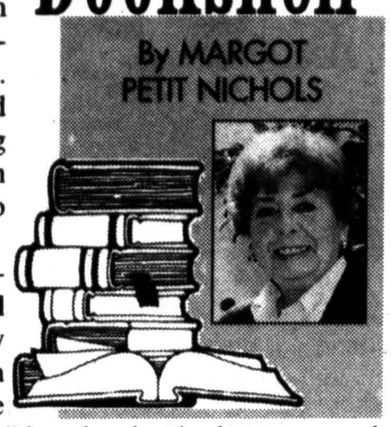
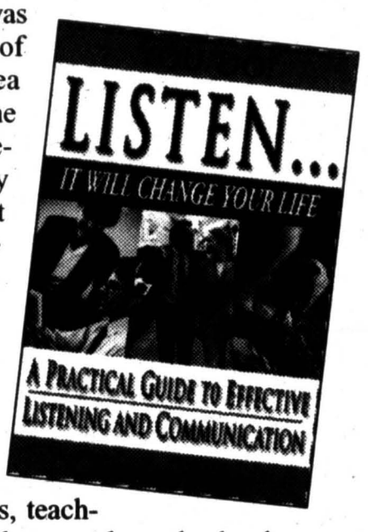
The Bookshelf

By MARGOT PETIT NICHOLS



THE ENDEARING trait of radio psychologist Frazier Crane, played on TV by Kelsey Grammar, is his trademark sign-on: "I'm listening." What we all want in life is someone who *truly* listens when we need it most. But even our nearest and dearest have a way of tuning out and going into their own thoughts while appearing to listen to us.

A new book on the market is **"Listen . . . It Will Change Your Life"** by **Charles Page**. This is "a practical guide to effective listening and communication" by a local retired attorney and writer who is well known for his commitment to community service and high legal and ethical standards. He served on the Monterey City Council, was president of the Association of Monterey Bay Area Governments, president of the Big Sur Land Trust, and foreman of the 1996 Monterey County Civic Grand Jury. It was as this latter that he worked with 18 bright people from different backgrounds. Witnesses came in, and during post mortems, "I knew I was in trouble," he said. Everyone heard something different. So Charles Page did workshops for grand juries, teaching them how to listen, and that was how the book came about.



The book is divided into seven chapters: Mastering listening techniques; Practice; Listening at work; Discussions and arguments; Handling problem personalities; and A garden variety of listening situations. An appendix contains a listening checklist: "Charlie's 34 precepts for living a satisfying and fulfilling life."

Here's a booksigning and discussion you won't want to miss. It's scheduled for 4:30 - 6 p.m., today, Friday, Dec. 13 at the Thunderbird Bookshop, The Barnyard, Carmel. The book is full of wisdom and wit. You will laugh as much as you marvel at Page's succinct analysis of why we don't listen, and learn how to listen to effectively change our perception of others and the world around us.

For information about the booksigning and discussion, call 624-1803.

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POET **PATRICE Vecchione** will host a high school poetry reading circle at 7 p.m., Tuesday, Dec. 17 at the Monterey Public Library. Admission is free. High school people are invited to bring their poems and friends. The library is at 625 Pacific St., Monterey. For information, call 646-3949.

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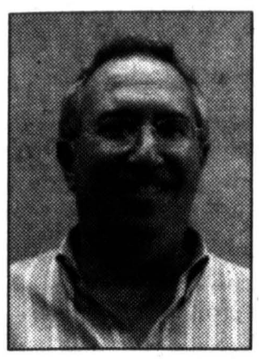
Two with superb jazz pedigree make Carmel debut



Plugged In

By Stephen L. Vagnini

IN A special tribute to former Stan Kenton vocalist June Christy, jazz singer **Stephanie Nakasian** and her partner, the internationally celebrated bebop pianist **Hod O'Brien**, will appear this Saturday, Dec. 14 at the Jazz & Blues Co. in Carmel.

Stephanie Nakasian and Hod O'Brien

Nakasian, best known for her work with Jon Hendricks, first came to international attention in the mid-'80s when she sang and toured with the vocal jazz master — her "vocal jazz apprenticeship." In 1989 she released her debut CD, "Comin' Alive," which featured the legendary saxophonist Phil Woods, and received four stars from critic Leonard Feather.

A resident of Charlottesville, Virginia, she offers a "Great Ladies" revue at the University of Virginia, which traces the development of jazz singing from Bessie Smith and the Blues through Mildred Bailey, Billie Holiday and the Band singers to Broadway, Bebop and Beyond.

O'Brien, one of the purest players of bebop piano around, was part of the "loft scene" of 1950s New York City and jammed regularly with other bop-influenced players like Pepper Adams, Kenny Burrell and Stan Getz. At 21 he was hired to record with Art Farmer on the now classic jazz recording, "Three Trumpets," and during the same year took over Bill Evans' seat in the Oscar Pettiford Quintet. After a hiatus from the jazz scene (from 1963-73 he studied mathematics at Columbia University), O'Brien made his way back into jazz opening his own club, the St. James Infirmary, and in 1980 he teamed up with vocalist Nakasian. Since then the pair has toured together all around the world and performs regularly at major festivals and prestigious clubs. This is their Jazz & Blues Co. debut.

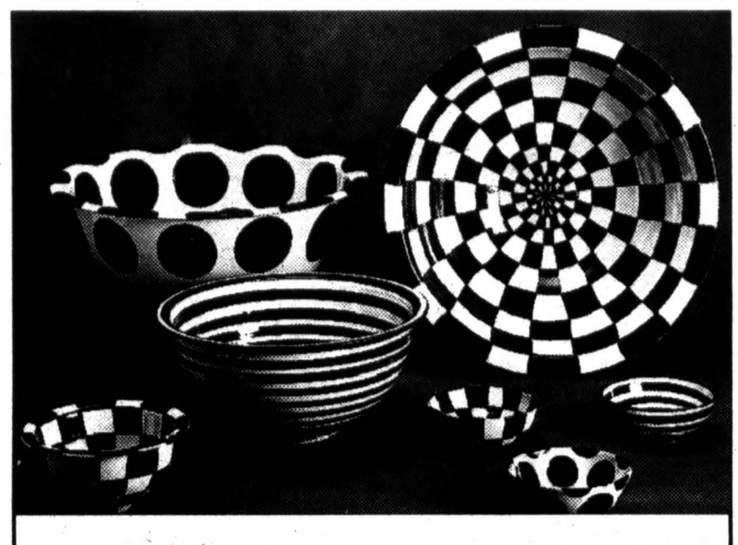
The following Saturday, Dec. 21, San Francisco Bay area vocalist **Jenna Mammina** returns to the Jazz & Blues Co. All shows start at 7:30 p.m. For reservations call 624-6431.

Performing at Cibo Ristorante in Monterey this weekend, local dance band **Lucidology** plays everything from funk and rock 'n' roll to straight ahead jazz and features the talents of guitarist **Joseph Lucido** and vocalist **Jacqui Hope**. Lucido, a native of Monterey, has toured with a wide array of musicians including Pete Seeger, Judy Collins and Don McLean.

Performing weekly on Tuesdays at Cibo's, Lucido's other group, **The Lucid Jazz Quartet**, plays strictly jazz standards that showcases vocalist Hope's sultry smooth voice. The group also features drummer **Matthew Binder** and bassist **Randy Uchida**. For more info call 649-8151.

Kenny "Blue" Ray, a prolific artist with more than 14 CDs to his credit, performs at Sly McFly's this Friday, Dec. 13, for the first time in six months. Ray has toured, recorded and/or played with a who's who of blues recording artists including Stevie Ray Vaughn, Albert Collins, Big Mama Thorton, Earl King and many, many more.

Saturday night, Dec. 14, the always popular soul saxman **Terry Hanck** performs at Sly's. Terry, a former sideman for Elvin Bishop and Etta James, is a Monterey Peninsula favorite. Signed last year to Sista Monica's Mo Muscle Record label, Hanck has been performing more and more around the United States and recently purchased a home on the eastern shore of Florida. Call 649-8050 for more information.



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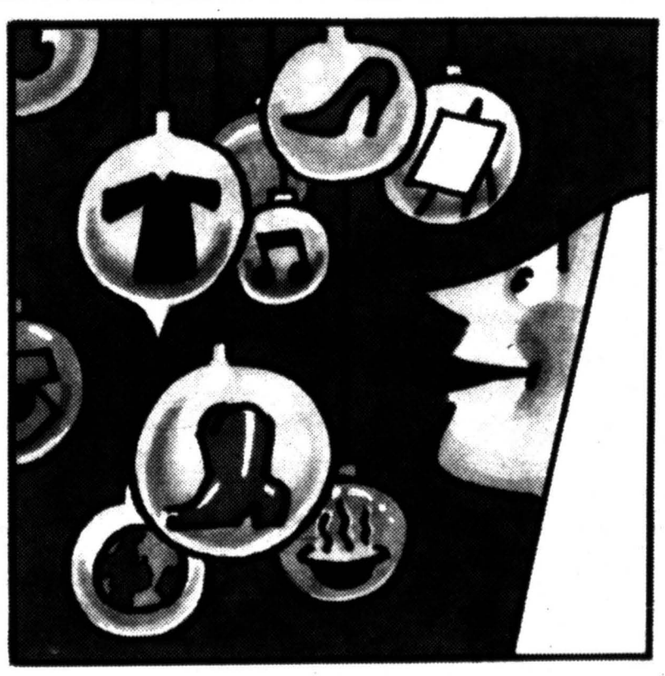

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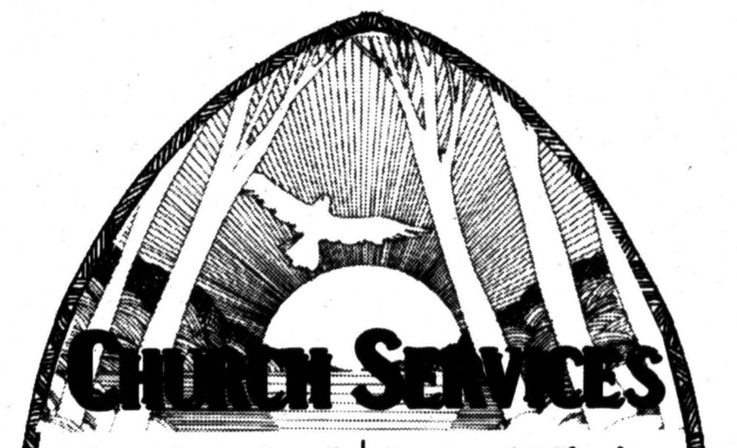

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definition of demolition, it greatly expanded the requirement that nonconforming aspects of buildings be eliminated. Many homes and commercial structures in Carmel were built when the zoning code was much less strict, and they are bigger or closer to lot lines than is currently allowed.

According to the ordinance OK'd by the planning commission Dec. 11, "the demolition, rebuilding, or substantial alteration (of a nonconformity) of any nonconforming building element or structural element shall require correction of the nonconformity in conformance with all requirements for new construction."

This would mean that changing the exterior of a house could trigger a requirement that it be moved or reduced in height.

"It's an attempt to clean up some of the language and ensure the city council's intent is being followed when demolitions occur," senior planner Chip Rerig said of the new rules.

In addition to redefining "demolition," the planning commission decided a "substantial alteration" would include a host of exterior changes and the removal or covering of less than half of a building's exterior, framing or roof framing, and requires approval by the planning commission or design review board.

A "rebuild" would amount to the removal or covering of more than half of the exterior, framing or roof framing of a building.

Bits of walls less than 10 feet in le would be counted toward the percen rebuilt, even if they remained untouc according to the new rules. Planners ac this language as a way to keep applic from counting tiny lengths of standing w toward their percentage saved so they cc avoid needing additional permits.

With commissioner Bill Strid absent, commission voted 4-0 to pass the new de lition/rebuild/alteration rules, with sc minor revisions, to the city council wit recommendation for adoption.

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LAFCO, said the poll results will be noted but that her agency had no role in it.

Initially, incorporation opponents asked LAFCO to sponsor the survey, West said. "We said no, but that we would accept any public comment, written or oral, pro or con."

Although the survey cards go directly to LAFCO, she said, it is up to Valley Watch members to come in and count them. Sinotte said the cards are on file with LAFCO and can be viewed by any members of the public.

Sinotte, cited these percentages:

- Carmel Views: 96 percent opposed, 1 percent in favor, 2 percent undecided;
- Hacienda Carmel: 95 percent, 3 percent, 2 percent undecided;
- Del Mesa Carmel: 77 percent, 11 percent, 11 percent;
- Rancho Rio Vista: 82 percent, 7 percent in favor, 5 percent;
- Carmel Knolls: 93 percent, 5 percent , 2 percent;
- Quail Lodge, 71 percent, 7 percent, 18 percent; and
- Rio Road condos: 88 percent, 3 percent and 9 percent.

"In terms of this post card drive, LAFCO has them and will keep them on file and they will certainly become part of any staff report we do on the application," West said.

But the time to register formal opposit comes after an application for incorporat has been filed, which will only occur if percent of the registered voters within proposed boundaries sign a petition.

C.V. Forum members began gather signatures in October and have six months obtain the number they need. They maint it's simply too early to have an opinion whether local government should repla county government in Carmel Valley, a that LAFCO's studies on the issue are t only way to get all the questions answered voters can make an educated decision.

"The position Carmel Valley Forum taking is that almost no one really knov what the issues are yet, so what are th being asked to respond to?" Tadlock sai "We ought to be carefully informing our c izens and let the decisions fall from a informed electorate."

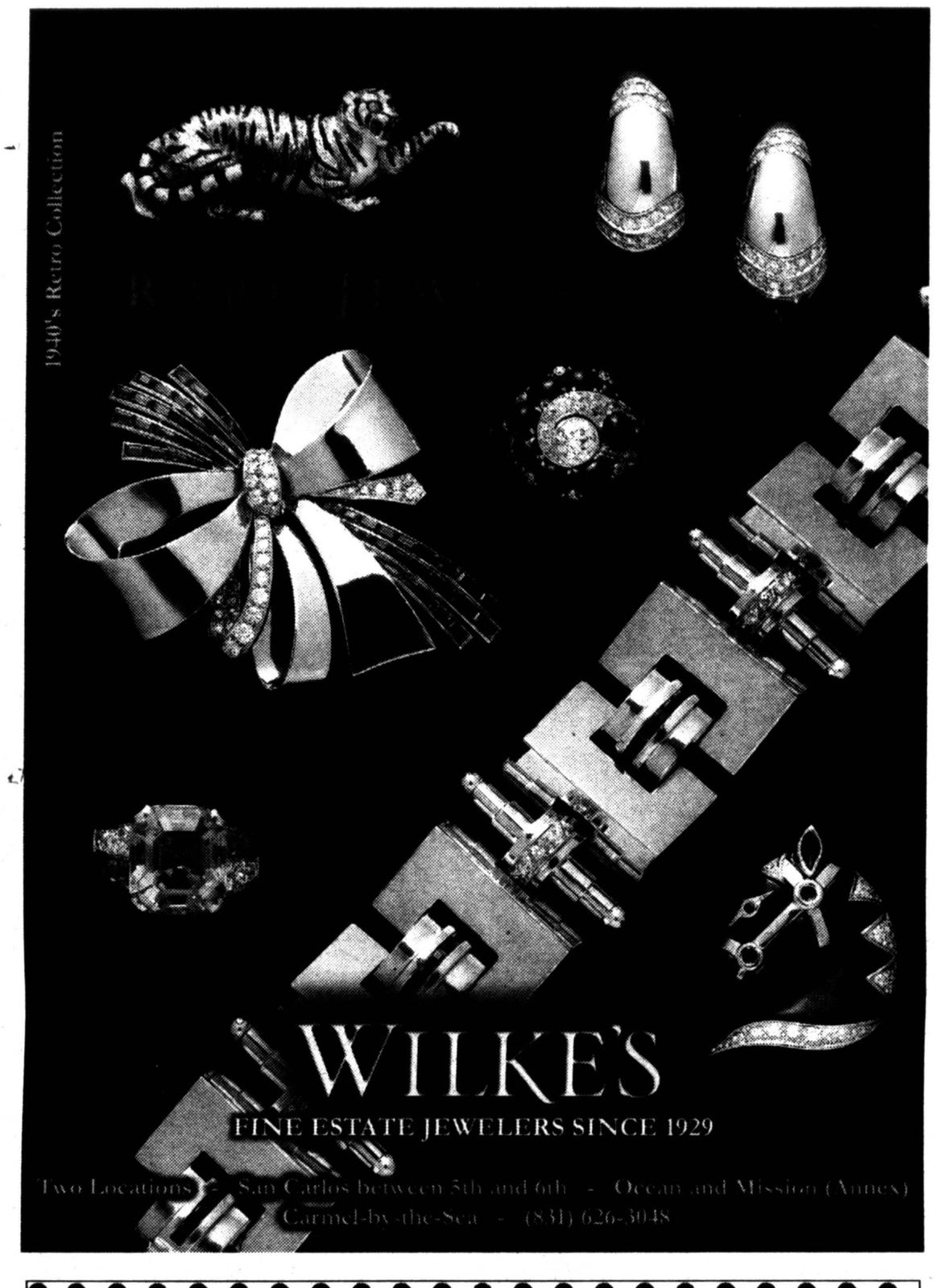
West anticipated it could take a year study the services of the town, finances ar environmental impacts. Then the commi sion will hold public hearings to decide Carmel Valley can and should incorporate.

A LAFCO yes vote would trigger protest hearing, at which point opponent could enter their formal written protest.

"Our law is very specific in terms c protest: If we receive protest from 50 percer or more of the registered voters within th approved incorporation boundaries, then th project is dead and can't com back for a year," West said.

If it survives the protes hearing, the potential incorpo ration would end up on the bal lot with the final decision rest ing with Carmel Valley voters West said, but that could be a long as two years from now.

"Our intent is to build in an adequate amount of public workshops, forums, whatever we think would be necessary to get people to understand what incorporation is and wha it means," she said. "So that i they get the chance to vote on it, they will understand wha it's all about."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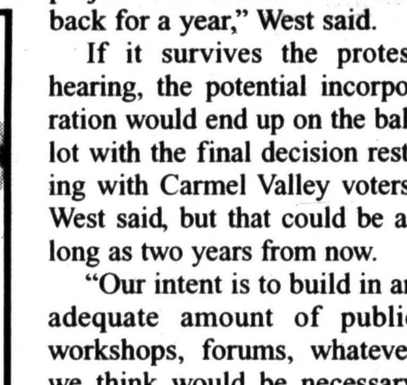

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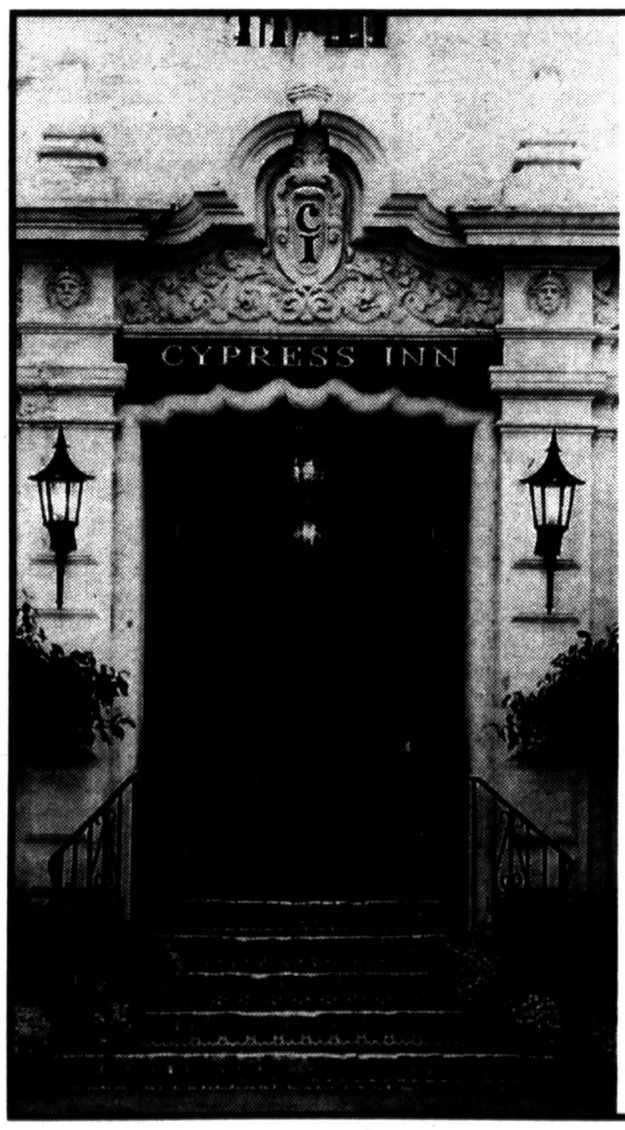

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and in The Pine Cone offices.

The crew interviewed city clerk Karen Crouch and even hired five women to stand in line for high-heel permits — something that would hardly ever happen in real life. Fewer than 350 high-heel permits have been issued since the law went on the books nearly 40 years ago.

Mashu Uruta, who served as interpreter and advisor to the Japanese film crew, said the TV station hired American "extras" to act out the scene.

The high heel ordinance — requiring women to apply for a permit to wear heels higher than two inches with less than one square inch of bearing surface — is mainly a curiosity now, though it was adopted in 1963 in all sincerity.

At that time, the city council was concerned with a rash of "slip-and-fall" lawsuits caused by the town's hilly streets and bumpy or unpaved sidewalks. It decided to adopt the high heel ordinance to provide a defense for the city.

Nowadays, the only people who apply for high heel permits are tourists, and occasionally locals, who want a one-of-a-kind souvenir from Carmel-by-the-Sea.

Uruta said the crew also interviewed various women strolling through Carmel to see if they were familiar with the unusual law.

"Most people knew about it — some people actually had a permit," he said. "A lot of tourists were very surprised."

The crew did not find any women actually wearing high heels, Uruta said.

At the Pine Cone, the crew meticulously filmed the original copy of the 1963 newspaper article about the high heel ordinance.

The two-hour documentary will also feature the peculiar laws of various countries, including Brazil, Italy, Finland, India and England.

Brazil boasts a law that grants overweight people a waiver from having to go through the gates at a bus station, Uruta said. "Some people had been getting stuck in the turnstile."

In one region of India, delinquent taxpayers are serenaded by a group of local officials who sing, "Pay the tax." The documentary will also feature some ridiculous warning labels: not to spray deodorant in your eyes, use a hair dryer while sleeping, or fold up the baby stroller until you have removed your child.

Despite the fact that the "Unique Laws" project sent eight different directors all around the world — and five people to videotape an old newspaper story — Uruta said the documentary was "low budget."

Carmel parking permits available

CARMEL RESIDENTS get to park downtown twice as long as out of towners, but only if they pick up a permit from the Carmel Police Department. To purchase the $15 permit, which is good for all of 2003, bring your vehicle registration and proof you are a resident or own property in town to CPD, Fourth and Junipero, between 8 a.m. and 4 p.m., Monday through Friday, beginning Dec. 16. For details, call 624-6403.

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OPINION

Editorial

The 'new' Dave Potter

'A lie can get half-way around the world before the truth gets its boots on'

SUDDENLY, ONE of Monterey County's best-known political leaders understands all too well the meaning of this old saying.

Not that Dave Potter's never been criticized before. Plenty of bad things have been said about him during his years of service on the Monterey Planning Commission and City Council, the Monterey County Board of Supervisors, the water board, the Transportation Agency for Monterey County, the California Coastal Commission and numerous other government committees and agencies.

But the local rap on Potter has always been that he was too much of a no-growth environmentalist. The business community wanted somebody else for county supervisor when Potter ran in 1996. But he was elected — and reelected in 2000 — with the vehement backing of environmental activists for his staunch opposition to the Hatton Canyon Freeway and the new dam proposed for the Carmel River.

When he was named to the coastal commission in 1997, that was seen as a blow to local property owners who feared his opposition to even modest building proposals on the coast.

What a surprise, then, that just a few years later that Potter has suddenly become the pet villain of activists from around the state who specialize in lobbying the coastal commission. Potter — the environmentalist Monterey County Supervisor — has been dubbed a "pro-development" commissioner with a "dismal voting record" by a Sierra Club lawyer and his cohorts.

Their criticisms are lies, of course, and they tell more about the psychology of activists and the naivete of some reporters (who unquestioningly reprint the calumnies) than they do about coastal development issues or protecting the environment.

For example, Potter was blasted recently for supporting a senior housing project in Pacific Grove. But this project isn't proposed for a pristine piece of coastal habitat. Instead, it will be built between an ugly old motel, a mobile home park and a Meals on Wheels complex. Truth be told, the activists should be supporting it. And they would be, if they didn't need an issue to attack Potter.

Likewise, he has been criticized for backing a new high school in Watsonville — a school that was opposed by activists not because its site (which is a long way from the beach) had any particular environmental significance, but because of the trivial fact that it happened to be on the ocean side of Highway 1. While they were busy attacking Potter, nobody mentioned that the activists' hero, Sara Wan, also voted for Watsonville High.

It's a shame they succeeded in blocking Potter from being elected chair of the coastal commission, because he would have done a good job protecting the coast. But what's really a shame is how the activists misrepresented him — in fact, how they invented a whole new Dave Potter, one that nobody back here at home in Monterey County recognizes.

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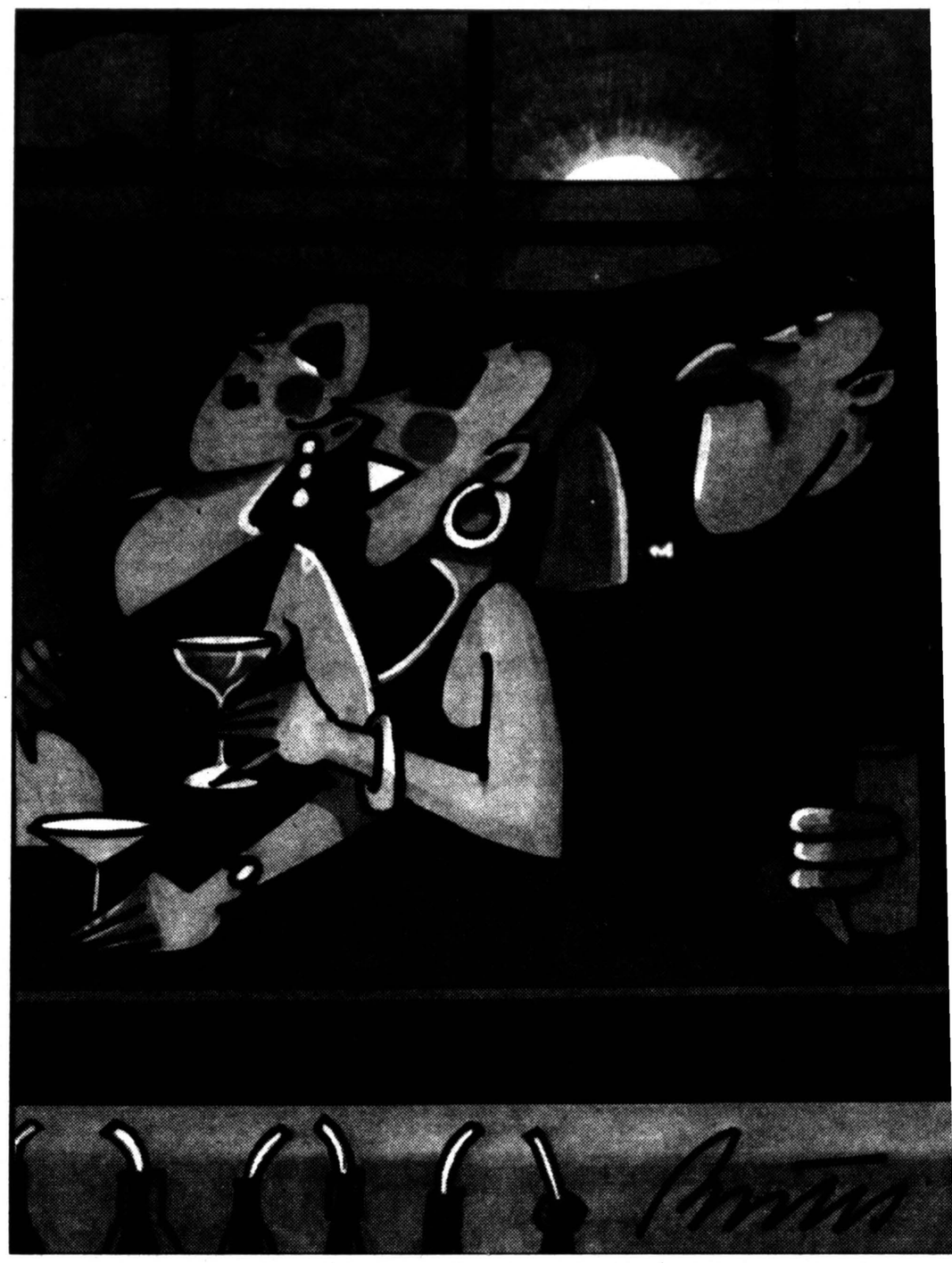

"Says he still uses a typewriter. Too old."

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Time to revisit canyon?

Dear Editor,

For the past year I have walked through beautiful Hatton Canyon. Rarely have I seen another person also enjoying this lovely new park. It is seldom used.

Plans are now afoot for Caltrans to continue its study to widen Highway 1 — now offered as the "one and only" option for solving our continuing traffic problem. This "improvement" would involve the creation of major interchanges at Rio, Ocean and Carpenter roads, with all other access roads to Carmel eliminated. Homes would be demolished. The enlarged, L.A.-st Highway 1 would run past the doorways many homes and between Carmel and high school.

Meanwhile, Hatton Canyon sits virtua dormant. Since not everyone has the time physical capability to enjoy the beauty this canyon on foot, a parkway would p vide the opportunity for every commuter enjoy it on a daily basis. Not a single ho would be destroyed. The noise pollution the residents along the canyon would minimal compared to building a freew through the existing Highway 1 resident neighborhood.

Perhaps it's a good time to rethink Hatton Canyon project before millions new taxpayer dollars are spent planning widening of Highway 1 which will, by de nition, destroy the unique charm and chara ter of Carmel.

Crete Wood, *Carm*

Let them pay for it

Dear Editor,

It seems to me that the solution to issue of dam versus no dam in the Carm River Lagoon is simple. Listen to the pro erty owners who oppose the dam and do build it. At the same time, listen to the en ronmentalists who oppose bringing in bulldozers to dredge a channel when

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MAKE A DEPOSIT, WATCH A MOVIE AT NEW BANK BRANCH

PINE CONE STAFF REPORT

A BANK is usually an intimidating place where voices are hushed, cameras watch your every move and nobody seems to be having much fun.

But the new Monterey County Bank on Dolores Street in downtown Carmel breaks with that tradition. It's located at the site of the former Village Theater and pays tribute to the old movie house with its own wide-screen TV, theater-style seating, popcorn machine and free candy.

PHOTO/TOM O'NEAL

Monterey County Bank President Charles Chrietzberg (in tuxedo) was joined by his wife Sandra, city council members Gerard Rose and Paul Hazdovac (with big scissors) and CBA officials Brenda Roncarati and Larry Hoover (right) at the grand opening of the new bank branch last week.

"They've taken something that's usually stodgy and made it fun," said photographer Tom O'Neal, who attended the bank's grand opening Dec. 5. "I don't think there's another bank like it."

"You have to love what [bank president] Charles Chrietzberg has done," said Monterey public relations specialist David Armanasco. "It's the kind of thing you want in Carmel — something unusual and special."

As he spoke, "The Good, The Bad and The Ugly," starring Clint Eastwood, was showing on the bank's plasma screen TV. Other movies being featured by the bank will star another famous Carmel resident, Doris Day. Autographed posters are displayed throughout the bank. Velvet drapes made by a bank employee lend a movie-theater feel. And the wall behind the teller windows features a mural by Pacific Grove artist Dan Koffman, depicting Dolores Street in the old days.

"It's important to pay tribute to the city's history, and that's what we've tried to do here," said Chrietzberg. He moved to Carmel in 1982 from his native Texas, and was one of the first sponsors of the Monterey Film Festival when he owned La Reina winery.

"My wife, Sandra, and I have always loved the movies, and when we started looking at the space, it just sort of occurred to us to give the bank a movie theme," he said. "And with two of the biggest movie stars in the world living here, it just seemed like the natural thing to do."

There will be free popcorn every day by 10 a.m., Chrietzberg promised.

"Banking is a pretty serious business," he said, "but let's have some fun with it if we can."

LETTERS

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lagoon levels get high, and let nature take its course. Keep the area looking natural . . . no doubt pleasing the homeowners living near the lagoon. And if the area floods before nature can drive its own channel through the sandbar, so be it. The people around the lagoon moved into a floodplain and I find it hard to believe that any of them can produce documents that show that a government entity guaranteed to dredge a channel to prevent flooding. If they want their unobstructed views, let them live with the possibility that they will have water in their living rooms. I'm no fish hugger. It just seems to me that we should do what is fair. If the homeowners have concerns about flooding, then let them develop their own solutions for their individual properties . . . or group together to develop (and pay for) their own solution for their group of properties. I don't understand why they are allowed to propose (as "their" solution) dredging activity that takes place half a mile from their property lines and why we, the taxpayers, have to pay for it.

Geoff Johnston, *Carmel*

Why 1,600 square feet?

Dear Editor,

The Coastal Comission wants to drop house square footages to 1,600 square feet. Would you please ask the question, "Why?" What is achieved? Is the coast then better protected? Would current homeowners modify their houses larger than 1,600 square feet to make our coast better . . . for whom? Not for those of us who own homes in Carmel, surely. Those of us who care deeply about the California coast and its communities, also want our houses of sufficient size that our grandchildren can visit.

William Kemerer, M.D., *Carmel*

Uses the side door

Dear Editor,

It must have been a very slow news week when you ran the story about the post office whistler. Surely there are enough meaningful happenings and events around Carmel to report, rather then to give space and attention to this Wacko Whistler. I found a way to avoid him. I use the Dolores Street entrance. Works every time.

Burr Schinner, *Carmel*

News from Rotary Club of Carmel-by-the-Sea

The Rotary Club of Carmel-by-the-Sea shows its strong support for our community by the numerous grants it awards annually. The support is also extended to the many worthwhile projects that Rotary International is involved in throughout the world. Rotary has vowed to raise $80 million in cash and pledges as our contribution toward closing a $275 million funding gap faced by the Global Polio Eradication Initiative. Funds raised will pay for vaccine for National Immunization Days and the surveillance systems needed to identify remaining pockets of the disease. As of mid-September, contributions had neared $10 million. Up to $25 million in contributions will be matched by the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation, with additional support provided by the World Bank. The first challenge to be presented to the Rotary world was the PolioPlus campaign in 1986-87 which raised $247 million. Rotarians are united in their effort to raise $80 to support the ongoing battle to eradicate polio by 2005.

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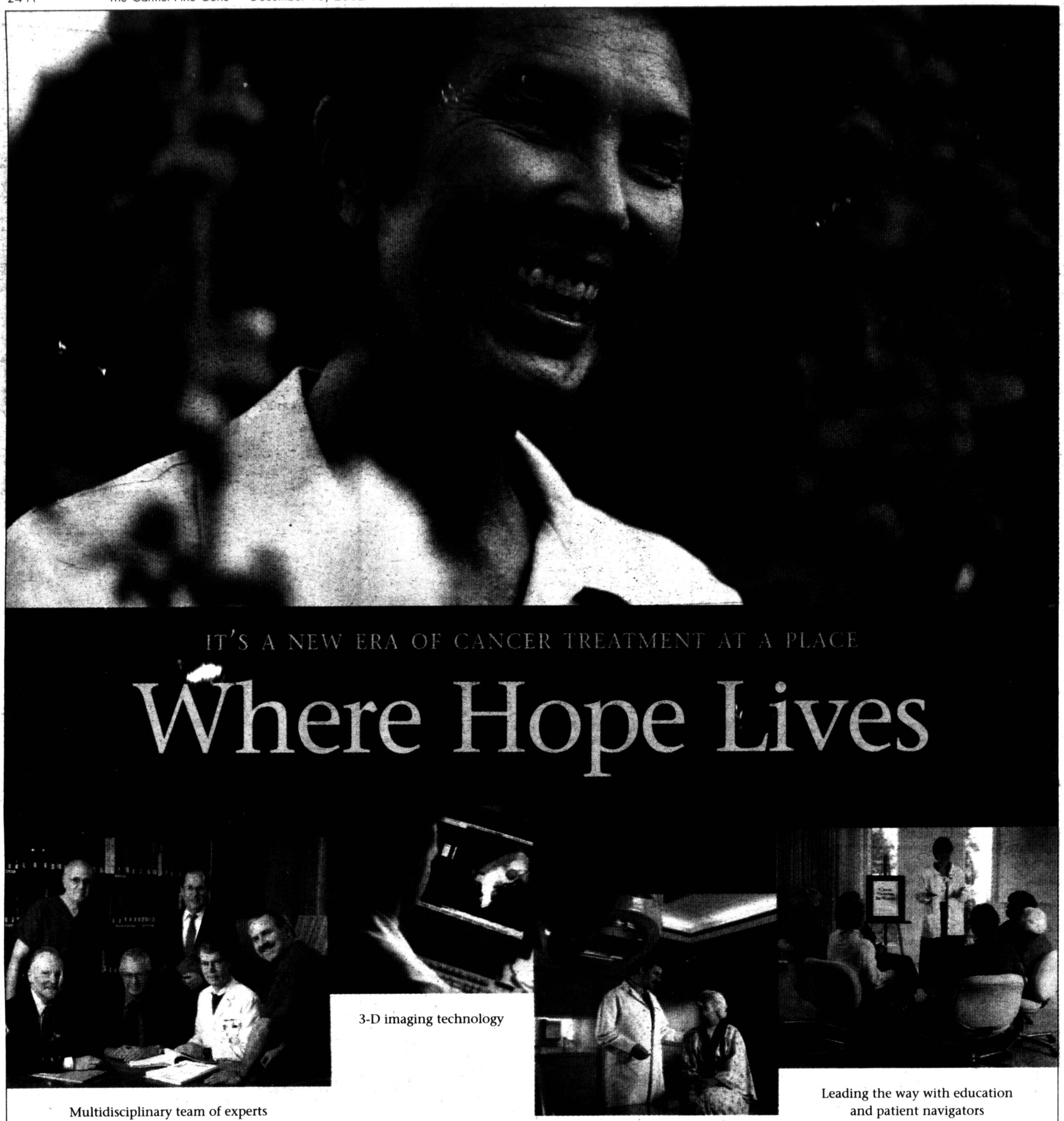

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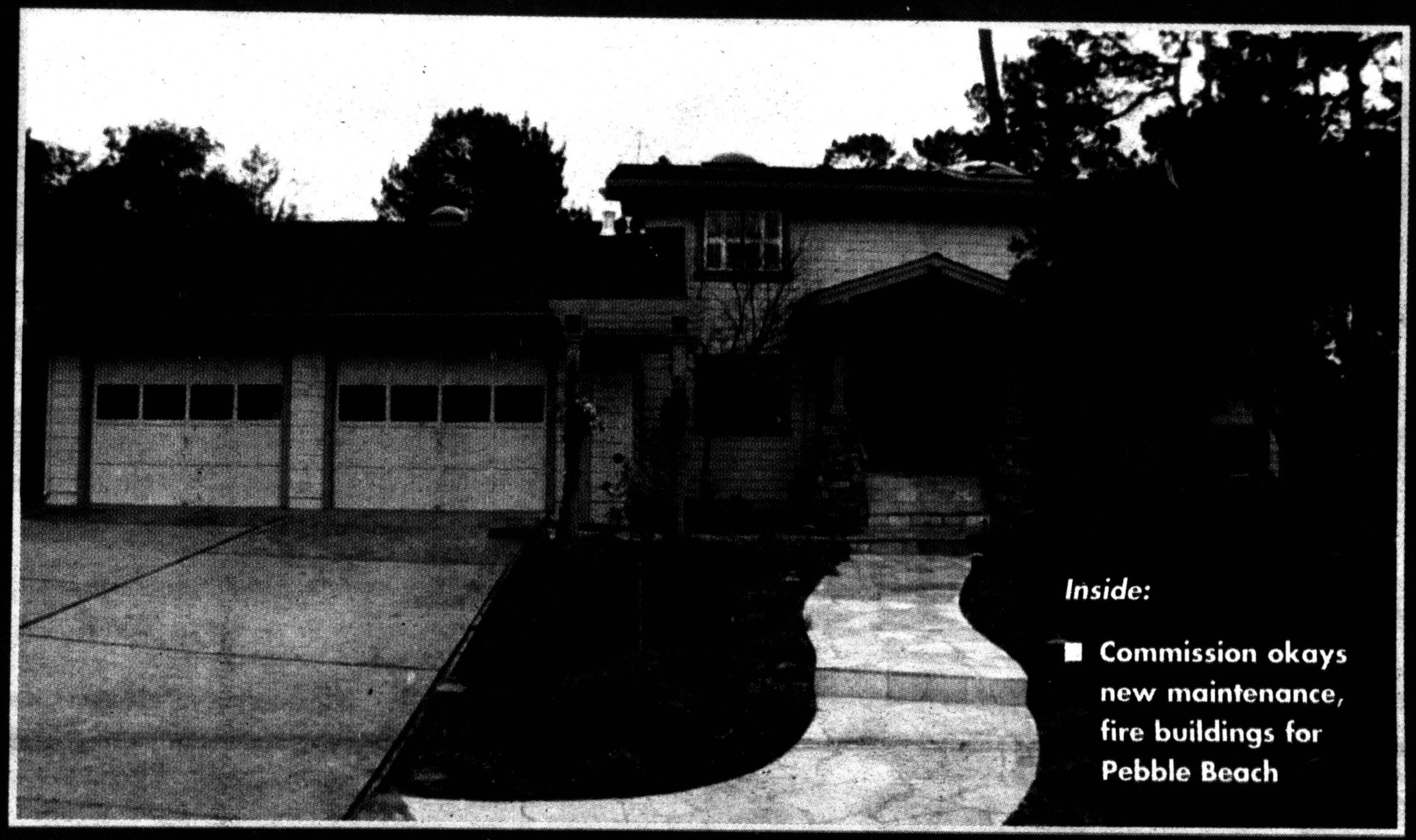

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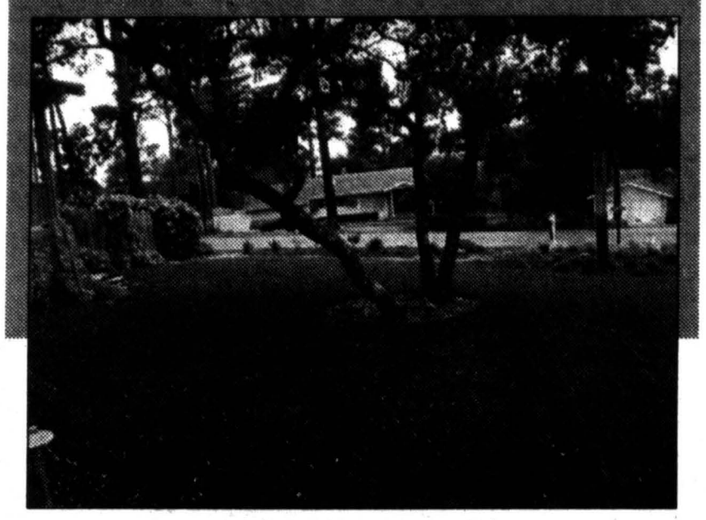

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CARMEL - SOUTH COAST

None

CARMEL VALLEY

165 Del Mesa Carmel $750,000
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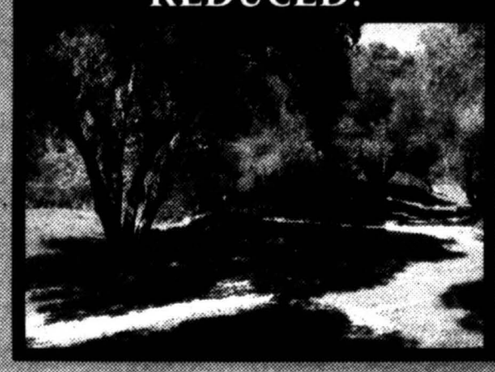

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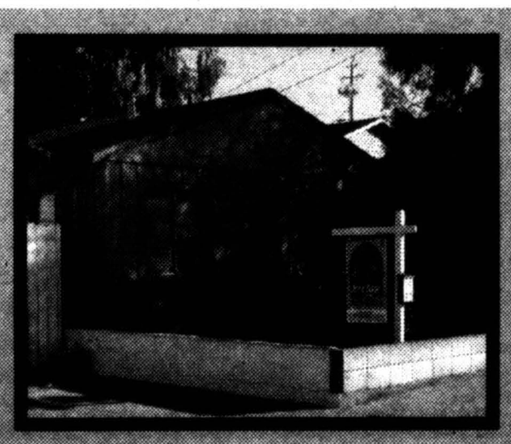

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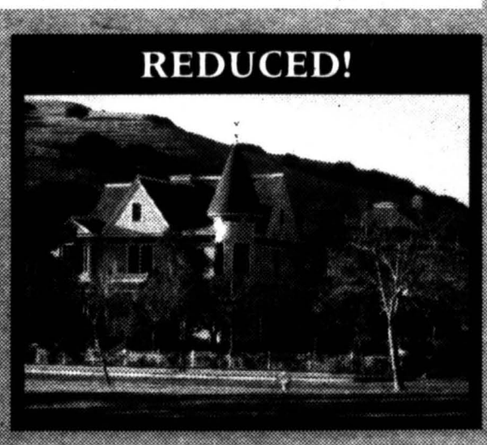

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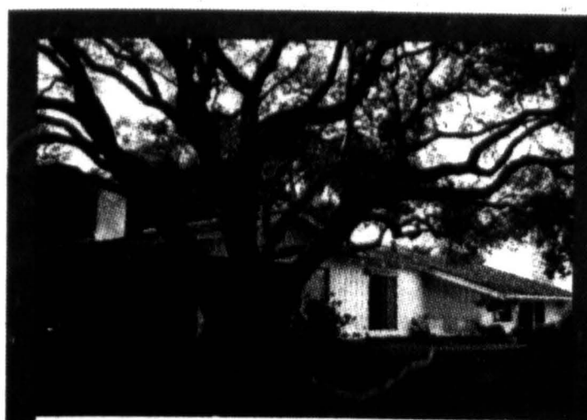

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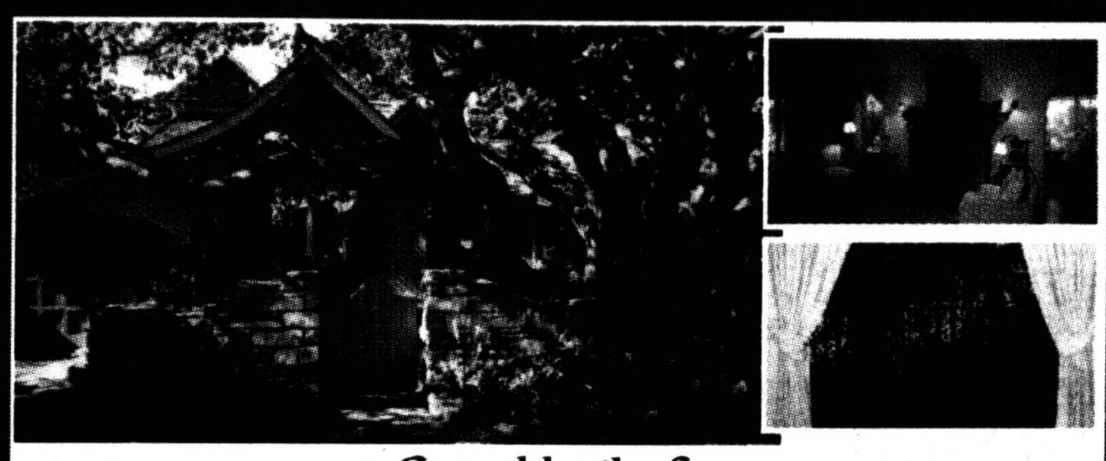

Carmel-by-the-Sea

English gardens and sunny Carmel stone terraces create a glorious setting for this charming ocean view cottage. Three bedrooms, three and one half baths, living room with soaring ceilings and fireplace, family room/den or fourth bedroom, sun room with garden view and private guest quarters. Just two blocks to the beach, this romantic retreat has been impeccably remodeled with exquisite taste and furnished to perfection.

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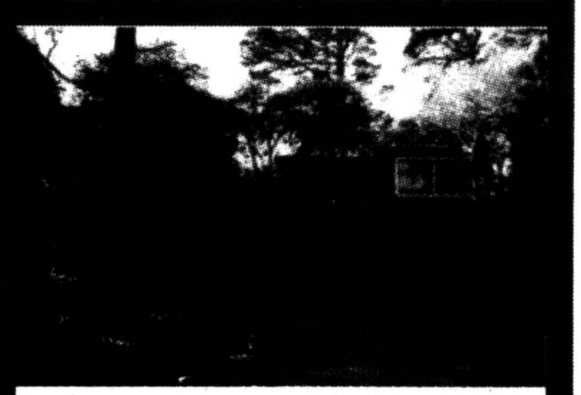

CARMEL—Authentic and unspoiled vintage Carmel charm within this 1920's four bedroom, two and one half bath redwood cottage. Just south of Ocean Avenue, this lovingly maintained home is set on two oversized complete with a one bedroom, one bath downstairs guest unit. Enjoy the koi pond, winding Carmel stone paths through the oaks and the walk-to-town location.

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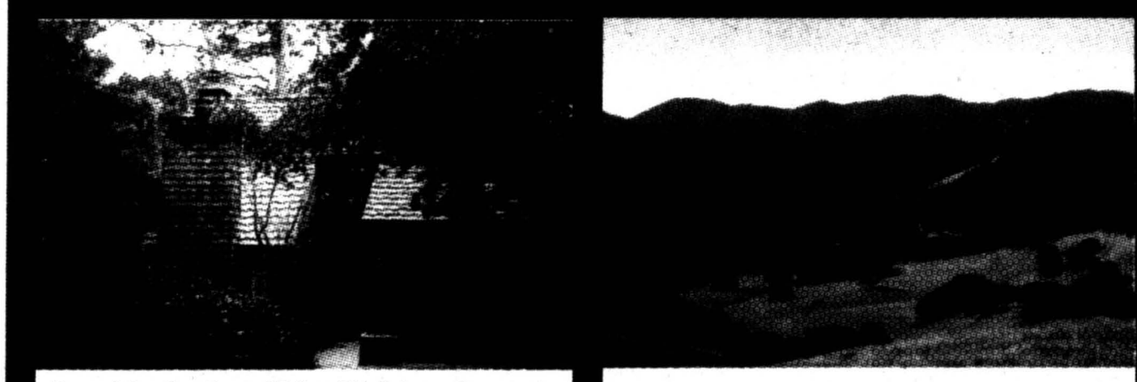

Carmel-by-the-Sea—"Fallen Pine"-A terrific vacation home or full time residence, with four bedrooms, two baths, living room, dining room and one car garage. Close to town in a quiet, woodsy location! Living room with soaring ceilings, fireplaces in living room and master bedroom, and a fabulous master bath. Updated kitchen with wet bar. Great deck for entertaining. A fun house!

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MONTEREY—Spacious four bedroom, two and one half bath tri-level home on almost one half acre high in the Monterey Hills overlooking the bay and city lights. Light, bright and cheerful with lots of glass and French doors. Private rear decks and a spa are surrounded by lovely gardens and greenbelt.

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PEBBLE BEACH—Situated along the first hole of the Cypress Point golf course, this extraordinary property is elevated above the fairway and offers privacy and sweeping golf and white water ocean views. The comfortable home is a perfect golf getaway, yet the site also offers great potential for those seeking to build their dream home. Perhaps the best ocean view property along the course. Price reduction!

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CARMEL VALLEY

Don't miss this large 1,700 sq. ft. two bedroom, two bath free standing Del Mesa unit. Dining room, den and master suite enjoy outstanding unobstructed mountain, valley, golf course and ocean views all the way to Point Lobos. Enjoy a gourmet kitchen, remodeled bathrooms, a finished store room and much more. A must see!

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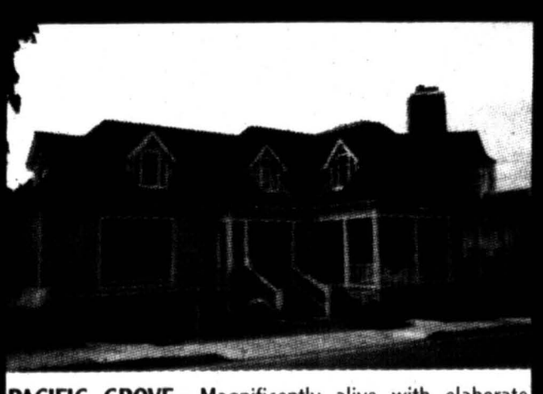

PACIFIC GROVE—Magnificently alive with elaborate craftsmanship and intriguing architectural flourishes, this home of approx. 2,600 sq. ft. with ocean views combines elegance with California ease, echoing achievement and individuality. This three bedroom, two bath Victorian farmhouse boasts amenities of red spruce wood floors, window and baseboard moldings, gourmet kitchen, Enkobol living room carved mantle and a three stop elevator.

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THE LAND ISN'T WET, PLANNING COMMISSION DECIDES

By PAUL MILLER

■ *OKs new buildings for P.B. fire, maintenance departments*

"I'VE BEEN living here 30 years and, believe me, I know what I'm talking about!"

That's what Pebble Beach resident Gary Wortham told the Monterey County Planning Commission Wednesday as he asked commissioners to reject a planned expansion of public works buildings on Forest Lake Road in Del Monte Forest.

According to Wortham, the site for a 3,600-square-foot storage building and parking area is a "forest wetland" — it has to be, he told planning commissioners, because there is "lush growth" on the site and a small creek flows nearby.

Wortham's protest caused a last-minute flurry of activity, because a coastal commission staffer in Santa Cruz seemed to back his claim. "The coastal commission told me it's very important that inland wetlands be protected," Wortham said.

But the Pebble Beach Community Services District presented scientific evidence that the land behind the district's existing buildings doesn't constitute a wetland.

This is true under the coastal commission's definition of "wetland" — that a site is permanently or periodically covered with shallow water — according to Cara Galloway, a wetlands expert of the EMC planning group. It is also true under the much broader definition of a wetland used by the federal government — that a piece of land is a "wetland" if it is saturated for at least part of the year to within 18 inches of the surface, or if certain types of "hydrophytic" vegetation grow there.

A biological survey of the property showed most plants at the proposed building site are normal undergrowth for Del Monte Forest, according to Vern Yadon, a Pacific Grove plant expert for whom a local plant, *Yadon's piperia*, is named. And even though there may be groundwater at the site, the soil is not "anaerobic," and is therefore not a wetland, Yadon said.

Commissioners believed the scientists and voted unanimously to approve the plan, which includes nearly 5,000 square feet of add-ons to existing buildings, in addition to the new storage building and parking area. More than 50 Monterey pine would be cut to make way for the expansion, including three that exceed 24 inches in diameter. The trees will be replaced 2-for-1, planning officials said.

Paul Woudenberg, president of the Del Monte Forest Property Owners Association, said his group unanimously endorsed the PBCSD proposal.

"We were very happy to do it, because we think it will improve conditions in the neighborhood," Woudenberg said. The new building would barely be visible from the street due to thick forests, he added.

The Pebble Beach Community Services District and the Pebble Beach Fire Department have shared facilities at the corner of Forest Lake and Lopez roads since the 1970s, according to Paul Davis, a Monterey architect who worked on the original buildings and designed the new ones. Bigger fire trucks and increased demand for services in Pebble Beach have made the old buildings too small and have placed fire and maintenance crews in each other's way.

"Under the new plan, the front area [of the building complex] will be for fire department use only. The maintenance department will be moved to the back," Davis said.

"It's a project we've been working on for two years, to make sure we can meet the community's needs," said Mike Niccum, an official with the community services district.

The Pebble Beach Company has nothing to do with the PBCSD expansion plan, except that it owns the land the district wants for its new buildings.

Because the land was zoned for open space under a ballot initiative passed by county voters in 2000, the P.B. Co. was reluctant to sell it to the PBCSD — which then decided to take the property by eminent domain.

Because the PBCSD is a government organization serving the people of Del Monte Forest, the county has no control over the land acquisition, according to county planner Tim Johnston. He recommended planning commissioners approve the expansion project, which they did.

Overlooking the 12th Fairway

This five-year-old Carmel Valley Ranch Summit home is located above the 12th fairway of Carmel Valley Ranch Golf Course and enjoys unsurpassed views of the golf course, mountains and valley. Nicely upgraded, including marble entry and fireplace surrounds, hardwood flooring, custom lighting and an extra storage room. The open floor plan captures the expansive views, with the cook's kitchen open to the great room. All major rooms, including the master suite, are on the main level; two additional bedrooms, library/office, full bath and laundry room are on the lower level. Spacious decking on both levels adds to the outdoor living space. A wonderful frontline Summit offering.

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Story and sketch by JACK PRENTICE

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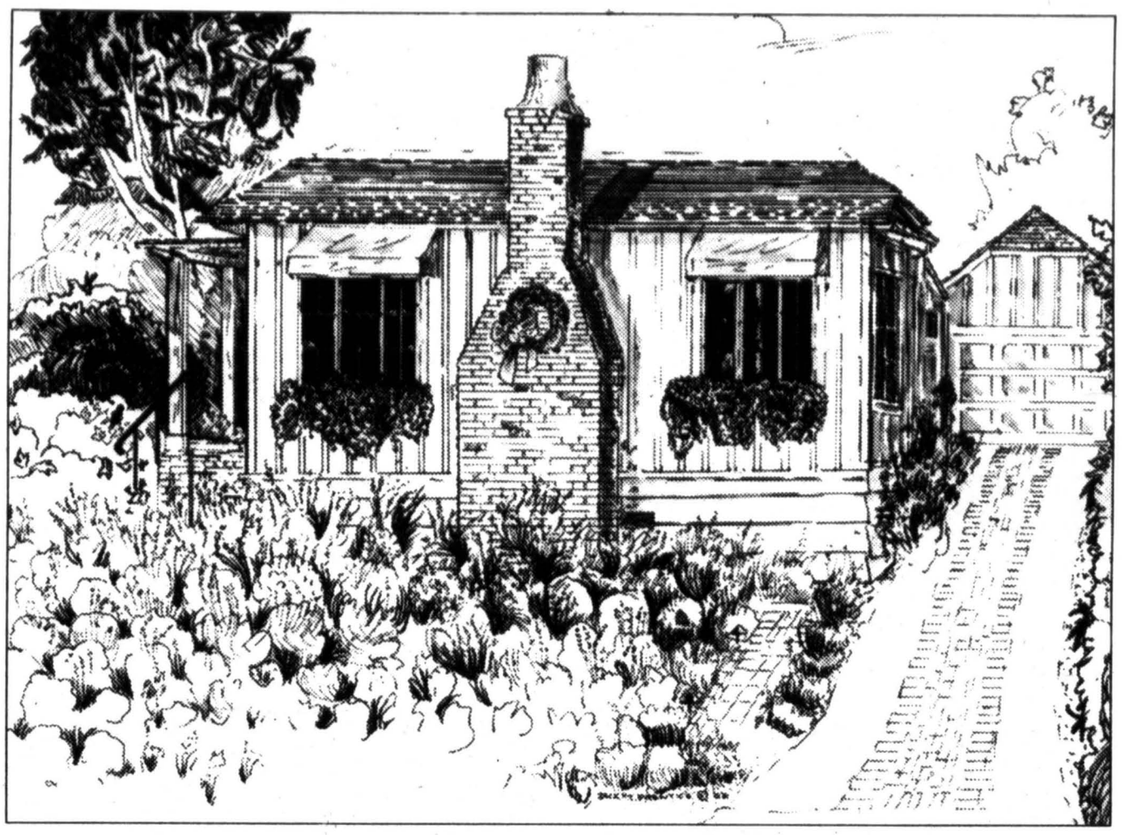
Merry Christmas to All — from The Carmel Cottage Society.



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ATTENTION SENIOR homeowners! Doug Lanzaro, senior housing specialist, will offer information on **reverse mortgages** in conjunction with the Monterey County Association of Realtors and the City of Monterey. "Financing the American Dream" is free and will be presented 1:30 to 3:30 p.m. Friday, Dec. 13 in the community room of Unity Church of Monterey Bay, 601 Madison St., Monterey. Space is limited. For reservations, call 648-8080. Ask for Linda and the Reverse Mortgage Seminar.

"A HOLIDAY Musicale" featuring the talents of gifted young performing artists will be presented at the Carmel Woman's Club, 2 p.m. Monday, Dec. 16. Immediately following the program, tea and refreshments will be served and the public is invited. Twelve-year-old violinist **Noah Freedman** will perform along with pianist **Stacy Little**, also 12. They will be joined by a 16-member children's chorus. The Carmel Woman's Club is at Ninth and San Carlos in Carmel. Admission is $3 and includes refreshments.

THE CHURCH of the Wayfarer presents the **Service of the Longest Night**, 7 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 21. This service of light and hope is designed to lift to God our pain, isolation and depression as a result of death, illness, broken relationships, unemployment or other difficulties during the holiday season. The Rev. Dr. David Summers, United Methodist minister, director of the Safe School-Healthy Students Project, Salinas Unified School District, will offer the meditation. The church is at Seventh and Lincoln, Carmel-by-the-Sea. Information: Contact the Rev. Kimberly Wills, 384-2514.

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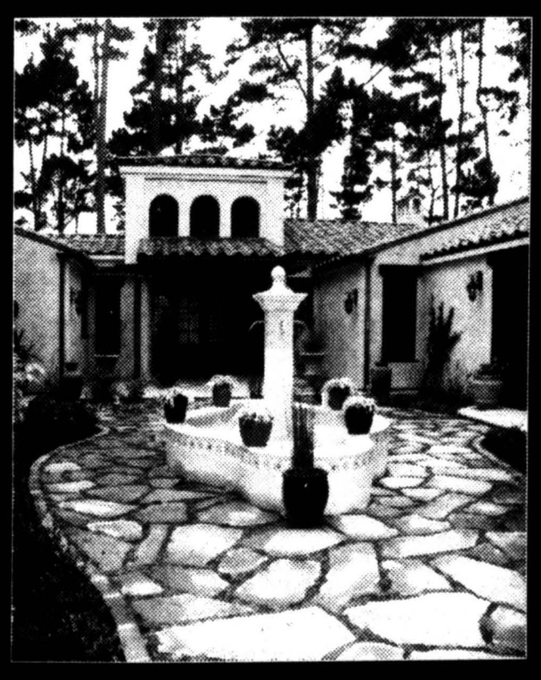

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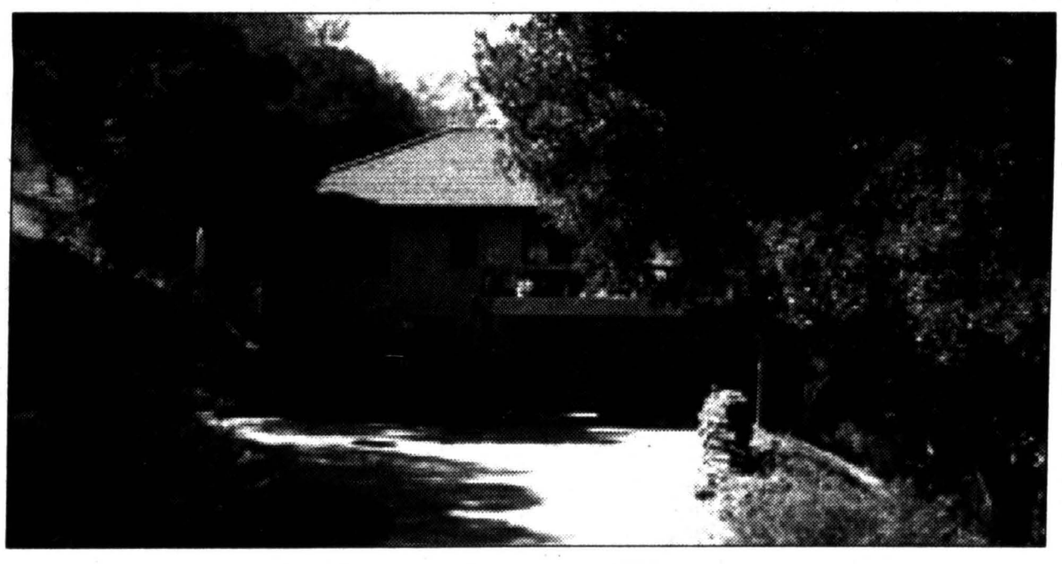

SUNNY SAN BENANCIO CANYON: Great privacy, marvelous views on 4 acres...and this country home shows pride of ownership. There are 3 bedrooms, 2.5 baths (including a separate master bedroom suite.) Features include vaulted ceilings, generous room sizes, open floorplan & spacious deck. Washington Union School District. **$675,000.**

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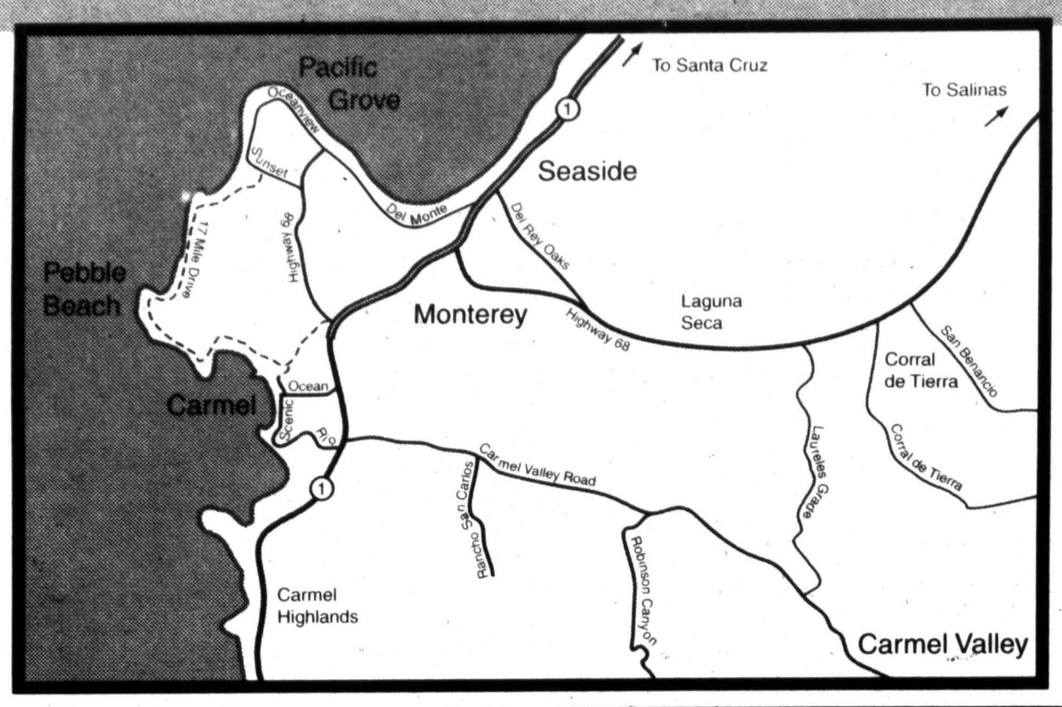

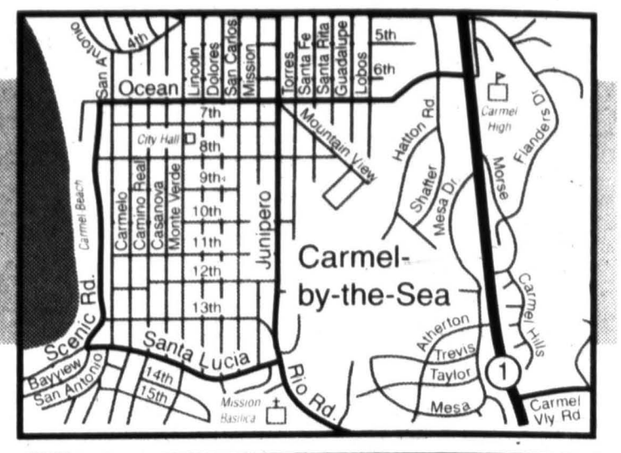

CARMEL

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$699,000 3bd 3ba 87 High Meadow Ln Coldwell Banker Del Monte		**Sa 1-2 Su 2-3** Carmel 626-2221
$769,000 3bd 1ba NE Cor of 4th and Carpenter Mid-Coast **(rain cancels)**		**Sa 1-3** Carmel 626-0145
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$895,000 3bd 2.5ba 3055 Rio Rd The Mitchell Group		**Su 1-3** Carmel 624-0136
$899,000 2bd 2ba Santa Rita 9 SE of Ocean Coldwell Banker Del Monte		**Su 1-3** Carmel 626-2222
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$2,550,000 3bd 3.5ba Carmelo & 12th SW Cor Coldwell Banker Del Monte		**Sa 1-3 Su 1-4** Carmel 626-2221

CARMEL VALLEY

$2.9-$4.9 M ranches 130 E Crml Valley Rd The Mitchell Group		**Sa Su 1-4** Carmel Valley 659-2267
$246,000 studio 195 Hacienda Crml (rain cancels) John Saar Properties		**Su 2-4** Carmel Valley 625-0500
$315,000 2bd 2ba 162 Hacienda Carmel Coldwell Banker Del Monte		**Su 1-3** Carmel Valley 626-2222
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$467,500 2bd 2ba 68 Del Mesa Carmel The Mitchell Group		**Sa 12-2** Carmel Valley 659-2267
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$993,000 3bd 2.5ba 252 El Caminito Road The Mitchell Group		**Su 1-4** Carmel Valley 659-2267
$995,000 3bd 2.5ba 13370 Middle Cyn (rain cancels) John Saar Properties		**Su 2-4** Carmel Valley 625-0500
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CARMEL HIGHLANDS

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MONTEREY

$499,000 4bd 2ba 701 Lottie Alain Pinel Realtors		**Sa & Su 1-4** Monterey 622-1040
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$1,499,000 3bd 3.5ba 1224 Castro Rd (rain cancels) John Saar Properties		**Sa 2-4 Su 1-4** Monterey 622-7227
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MTRY./SALINAS HWY.

$975,000 5bd 3.5ba 26133 Legends Burchell House Properties		**Sa 1-3** Mtry/Sins Hwy 624-6461
$1,049,000 3bd 3ba 189 Pine Canyon The Mitchell Group		**Su 2:30-4:30** Mtry/Sins Hwy 659-2267
$1,295,000 4bd 4ba+acres 26421 Lucie Ln rain cancels John Saar Properties		**Su 1-4** Mtry/Sins Hwy 622-7227
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$1,875,000 6bd 3.5ba 100 River Rd John Saar Properties		**Su 1-4** Mtry/Sins Hwy 625-0500
$2,950,000 4bd 3.5ba 11560 Spur Road The Mitchell Group		**Su 12-2** Mtry/Sins Hwy 659-2267
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NORTH COUNTY

$595,000 3bd 2.5ba 20150 Tarawild Court Coldwell Banker Del Monte		**Su 1-4** N County 626-2222
$495,000 3bd 2ba 15155 Amaral Road The Mitchell Group		**Su 2-4** N Mtry County 659-2267
$599,000 3bd 2ba 8887A Holly Hills Alain Pinel Realtors		**Sa 1-4** N Mtry County 622-1040

PACIFIC GROVE

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PEBBLE BEACH

$659,000 2bd 2ba 4189 Crest Alain Pinel Realtors		**SaSu 11-1** Pebble Beach 622-1040
$745,000 2bd 2ba Ocean Pines #62 Sandpiper R/C The Mitchell Group		**Su 1-4** Pebble Beach 624-6482
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$1,175,000 3bd 3.5ba 4139 Sunridge Rd (rain cancels) Coldwell Banker Del Monte		**Su 1-3:30** Pebble Beach 626-2222
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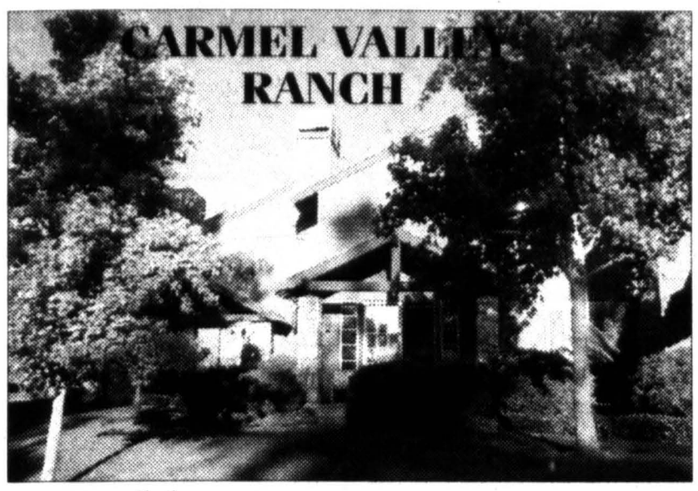

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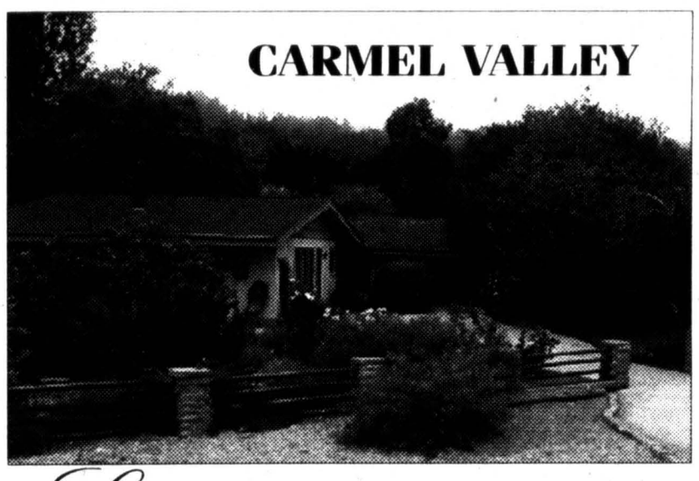

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Near town and the beach, this charming 3bd/2ba Tescher remodel has an outstanding kitchen with cozy dining area; a large Master suite and living room, each with fireplace; a deck & patio perfect for entertaining; and even a peek of the ocean.

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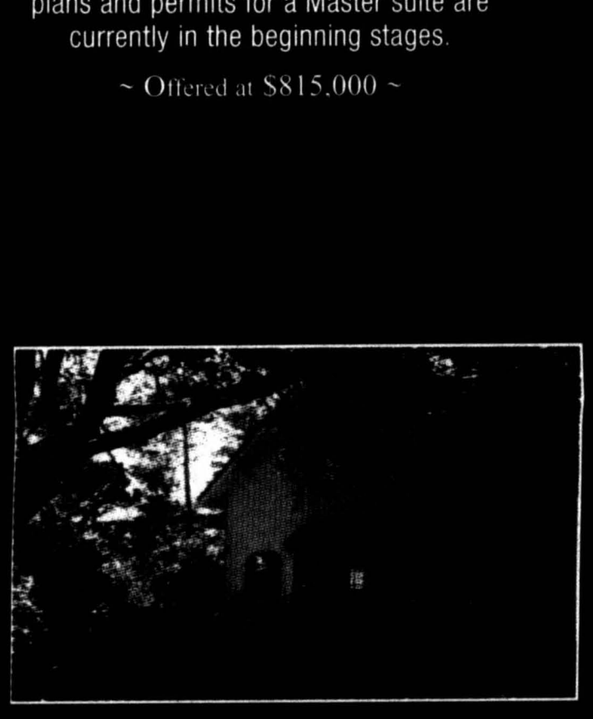

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Classy, cozy, and close to town, this wonderful remodel has room to expand; plans and permits for a Master suite are currently in the beginning stages.

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Bathed in sunlight in a quiet neighborhood, the rear garden of this charming 1750 sf Carmel cottage is ideal for outdoor entertaining, or for enjoying an afternoon of solitude. A fabulous Master suite comprises the entire upper floor and offers its own fireplace, separate office, huge walk-in closet and luxurious Master bath with glass block shower, spa tub and private deck.

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Beautifully remodeled, this single-story post adobe hacienda was originally built by Hugh Comstock, and the subsequent work on it was executed with the utmost care to preserve the true flavor of its era. The charming 2 bedroom, 2 bath main house and spacious yard are complimented by a separate guest house with full bath.

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This two bedroom, two bathroom, quaint and quirky Carmel home is located in a quiet neighborhood close to town, a park and tennis courts. Bring your imagination and transform this home into the quintessential Carmel storybook cottage. Being sold "as is" in its present condition.

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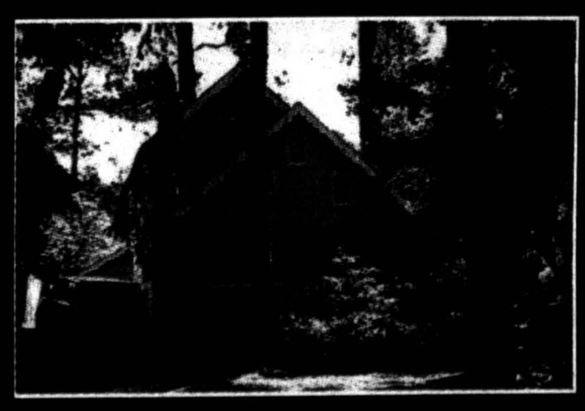

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Expert gets another year to fix county planning

By MARY BROWNFIELD

A CONSULTANT hired to help fix the beleaguered county planning and building department should stay on through the end of next year and receive another $89,500 to finish the work, the Monterey County Board of Supervisors decided without discussion last month.

Zucker Systems entered its $175,000 contract with the county in March and began advising the board of supervisors the following month. The planning department's problems — created by years of understaffing and high turnover, poor office space, obsolete technology and ethical and legal issues, among other things — had caused so much consternation among Peninsula builders and property owners that 5th District Supervisor Dave Potter said last spring he spent much of his time fielding their complaints.

After surveying customers and county supervisors in person, on the phone and in writing, Zucker concluded numerous measures the department could take to cut the time it takes to process a permit and make the process more uniform.

Once Zucker analyzed the department's problems, he and his staff went about helping to fix some of them, according to the staff report submitted to the board Nov. 26 by county administrative officer Sally Reed and planning director Scott Hennessy. Improvements already made include:

- creating a mission statement and establishing goals and objectives, some linked to performance;
- assigning employees the job of keeping applications on track and advising applicants of their status;
- forming teams to handle different types of projects based on their complexity, so that simple applications will not be held up while their planners work on other, more lengthy projects;
- filling 90 percent of the department's vacancies;
- upgrading technology and software;
- creating training programs;
- instituting next-day building inspections; and
- streamlining the permit review process.

But the work isn't done yet and Zucker should stay on through December 2003 to help implement more changes, the board decided. Ultimately, the consultant will conduct another survey to see if permit applicants are any happier with the revamped planning department.

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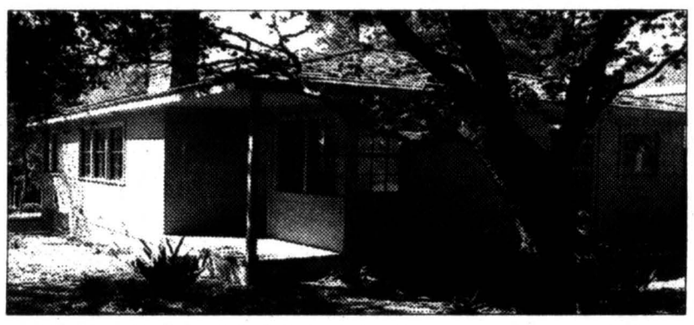

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT File No. 20022306. The following person(s) is(are) doing business as: **FLOWERS FROM THE GARDEN**, 27240 Los Arboles, Carmel, CA 93923. ANNETTE KUNZ, 27240 Los Arboles, Carmel, CA 93923. KARI W. KUNZ, 27240 Los Arboles, Carmel, CA 93923. This business is conducted by an individual. Registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name listed above on 1996. (s) Annette Kunz. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Monterey County on Nov. 12, 2002. Publication dates: Nov. 22, 29, Dec. 6, 13, 2002. (PC 1118)

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT File No. 20022380. The following person(s) is(are) doing business as: **GARDEN SPA TREATMENTS**, 8th Ave. & Camino Real, Carmel-by-the-Sea, CA 93921. CYNTHIA YOUNG, 380 West Carmel Valley Rd., Carmel Valley, CA 93924. This business is conducted by an individual. Registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name listed above on Dec. 1, 2002. (s) Cynthia Young. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Monterey County on Nov, 25, 2002. Publication dates: Nov. 29, Dec. 6, 13, 2002. (PC 1125)

SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA COUNTY OF MONTEREY

ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR CHANGE OF NAME
Case No. M26107.

TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS: Larry Blevins and Cindy A. Busby filed a petition with this court for a decree changing names as follows:
A. *Present name*: JARED ALLAN BUSBY
Proposed name: JARED ALLAN BLEVINS
THE COURT ORDERS that all persons interested in this matter shall appear before this court at the hearing indicated below to show cause, if any, why the petition for change of name should not be granted.
NOTICE OF HEARING: Jan. 10, 2003, at 9:00 a.m. Dept.: Civ. L&M, The address of the court is 1200 Aguajito Road, Monterey, CA 93940.
A copy of this *Order to Show Cause* shall be published at least once each week for four successive weeks prior to the date set for hearing on the petition in the following newspaper of general circulation, printed in this county: The Carmel Pine Cone, Carmel.
(s) Robert O'Farrell
Judge of the Superior Court
Date filed: Nov. 25, 2002

Publication dates: Dec. 6, 13, 20, 27, 2002. (PC1201)

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT File No. 20022287. The following person(s) is(are) doing business as: **SILVERSTONE WINES**, 14 Via Las Encinas, Carmel Valley, CA 93924. DANIEL W. KLECK, 14 Las Encinas, Carmel Valley, CA 93924. This business is conducted by a limited liability company. Registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name listed above on Sept. 13, 2002. (s) Daniel W. Kleck, President, Silverstone Wines, LLC. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Monterey County on Nov. 7, 2002. Publication dates: Dec. 6, 13, 20, 27, 2002. (PC 1202)

NOTICE OF APPLICATION TO SELL ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES.
To Whom It May Concern:
The Name os the Applicant is:
SILVERSTONE WINES LLC
The applicants listed above are applying to the Department of Alcoholic Beverage Control to sell alcoholic beverages at:
14 Via Las Encinas
Carmel Valley, CA 93924
Type of license:
17 - Beer and Wine Wholesaler
09 - Beer and Wine Importer
20 - Off-Sale Beer and Wine
Date of Filing Application: Nov. 26, 2002.
Publication dates: Dec. 6, 13, 20, 2002. (PC1203).

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT File No. 20022349. The following person(s) is(are) doing business as: **THE TINKER'S DAUGHTER**, 33221 E. Carmel Valley Road, Carmel Valley, CA 93924. CATHERINE COLWELL, 33221 E. Carmel Valley Road, Carmel Valley, CA 93924. This business is conducted by an individual. Registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name listed above in 1982. (s) Catherine Colwell. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Monterey County on Nov. 20, 2002. Publication dates: Dec. 6, 13, 20, 27, 2002. (PC 1204)

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT File No. 20022282. The following person(s) is(are) doing business as: **LOBO GRILL**, 980 Fremont St., Monterey, CA 93940. CAREN L. MALVINI, 117 Hainline Rd., Aptos, CA 95003. This business is conducted by an individual. Registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name listed above on Nov. 18, 2002. (s) Caren L. Malvini. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Monterey County on Nov. 6, 2002. Publication dates: Dec. 6, 13, 20, 27, 2002. (PC 1206)

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT File No. 20022377. The following person(s) is(are) doing business as: **ABSOLUTE HYDRONICS**, 742 Middlefield Rd. Salinas, CA 93906. BRETT ANTHONY PASSINEAU, 742 Middlefield Rd, Salinas, CA 93906. This business is conducted by an individual. Registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name listed above on May 1, 2002. (s) Brett Anthony Passineau. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Monterey County on Nov. 25, 2002. Publication dates: Dec. 13, 20, 27, 2002, Jan. 3, 2002. (PC 1207)

CARMEL AREA WASTEWATER DISTRICT ORDINANCE NO. 02-03

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 3.3 OF ORDINANCE NO. 84 RELATING TO DISCHARGE OF SWIMMING POOL WATER

THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE CARMEL AREA WASTEWATER DISTRICT DOES ORDAIN AS FOLLOWS:

1. Section 3.3 (f) of Ordinance No. 84 Amended. Section 3.3 (f) of ordinance No. 84 is hereby repealed in its entirety.

2. Publication. Following adoption; this ordinance shall be published once in a newspaper published in the District.

3. Effective Date. This ordinance shall take effect and be in force one (1) week after the date it is published in the newspaper, or December 1, 2002, whichever is later.

PASSED AND ADOPTED at a regular meeting of the Board of Directors of the Carmel Area Wastewater District duly held on November 21, 2002, by the following vote:
AYES: BOARD MEMBERS: Kohn, Townsend, White
NOES: BOARD MEMBERS:None
ABSENT: BOARD MEMBERS: Haseltine, Stevens
(s) Robert Kohn,
President of the Board - Pro Tem

Publication Date: Dec. 13, 2002. (PC1208)

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT File No. 20022315. The following person(s) is(are) doing business as: **SIMPLY SEDUCTIVE**, 2350 East Main St., #202, Ventura, CA 93001. RHONDA VALONA, 621 Warwick #4, Thousand Oaks, CA 91360. This business is conducted by an individual. (s) Rhonda Valona. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Monterey County on Nov. 14, 2002. Publication dates: Dec. 13, 20, 27, 2002, Jan. 3, 2002. (PC 1211)

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CITY OF CARMEL-BY-THE-SEA
CITY COUNCIL

NOTICE OF SPECIAL MEETING

Thursday, December 19, 2002 • 4:00 p.m.
City Hall Council Chambers
Broadcast date Sunday, December 22, 2002
8:00 a.m., KMST Channel 26

I, SUE McCLOUD, Mayor of the City of Carmel-by-the-Sea, California, by virtue of the power vested in me by Section 54956 *et seq.* of the Government Code, do hereby call a Special Meeting of the City Council for the following purpose:

A. Review preliminary draft of the 2003 update to the General Plan Housing Element and provide policy direction.

The Special Meeting will be on **Thursday, December 19, 2002 at 4:00 P.M.** in the City Hall Council Chambers located on the east side of Monte Verde between Ocean and 7th Avenues.

(s) Sue McCloud, Mayor
By: Karen Crouch, City Clerk

Date of Notice: December 10, 2002
Publication date: December 13, 2002 (PC1209)

CITY ATTEMPTS TO CLEAR UP CONFUSION OVER ENCROACHMENTS

By TAMARA GRIPPI

SEVERAL MONTHS after the city council granted one San Antonio Avenue homeowner the right to install decomposed granite in the public right of way to reduce flooding, it had a different answer for another couple living on that street.

The council voted 3-2, with council members Gerard Rose and Paula Hazdovac dissenting, to require homeowners David and Julie Jones to remove the decomposed granite they installed earlier this year.

The Joneses, frustrated by years of flooding problems on their property, appealed to the council for some guidance. David Jones reported that during the most recent rainstorm, the decomposed granite worked well absorbing runoff from the street.

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— Dick Ely

"We're at a loss about what to do," Jones told the council. "Please tell us what works to solve the problem — what looks natural and gains the approval of the city."

Several council members acknowledged that the Joneses are not the only ones confused by the city's regulations for encroachments.

"Previous councils and this council have played mischief in the City of Carmel, approving encroachments that are not in keeping with the village character," said councilman Dick Ely. "It is unfortunate and unacceptable that we put residents in the position where they don't know what they can do and what they can get away with."

The council decided the Carmel Planning Commission should clarify the city's rules on encroachments and make them more understandable to residents.

City building official Tim Meroney's staff report pointed to the Carmel Municipal Code and General Plan that call for the right of way between the edge of the street pavement and private property lines to remain in a natural state.

However, Rose pointed out the city's rules don't exactly match reality.

"The problem is a lot of people who drive around Carmel-by-the-Sea who see that virtually the entire town has decomposed granite in front of homes," Rose said. "So when they see their own homes flooded and the water is coming from city property, they think it's common sense to do something about it."

POLICE LOG

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Carmel-by-the-Sea: Contacted a male subject at San Antonio and Ocean who was involved in the previous call. He decided to go for a walk to sober up. He was still inebriated but cooperative. He was given a courtesy transport home.

Pebble Beach: Female Riata Road resident reported an unknown suspect stole three of her mink coats from her closet.

Carmel area: Rio Road resident reported 25 hang-up type telephone calls from an unknown caller this morning.

Pebble Beach: Male reported he was assaulted by another male with a box knife at an Ondulado Road residence. The suspect was arrested for assault with a deadly weapon and booked into Monterey County Jail.

Carmel Valley: Responded to a verbal domestic dispute at a Via Contenta residence. Both parties were counseled.

Carmel area: Carmel juvenile was found in one of the classrooms at Carmel River School over the Thanksgiving break. The juvenile admitted he entered several other classes and the library. He was issued a citation for burglary.

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 3

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Female reported she received the billing statement for her cell phone, which she had reported lost or stolen in October, and that it reflected calls she did not make. She was assisted in resolving the problem with AT&T.

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Report of a broken tree limb at Eighth and Mission. Forestry department was contacted and the limb was removed from the area.

*See **POLICE LOG** page 10B*

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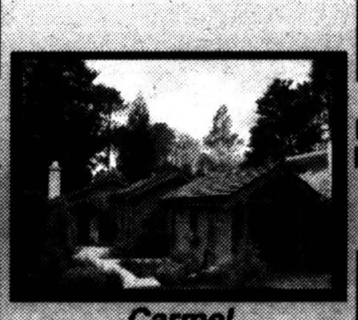

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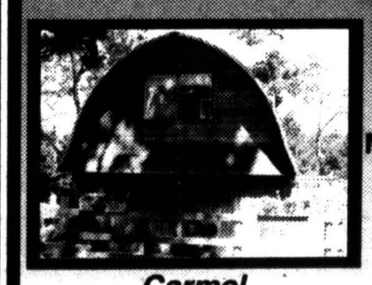

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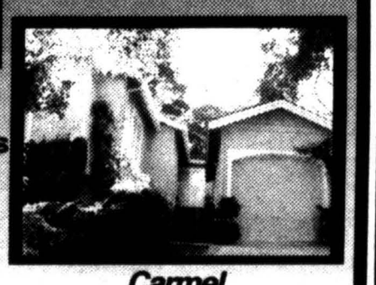

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POLICE LOG

From page 9B

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Female stated her brother was a former employee at her restaurant. She contemplated making him a partner but this never materialized because the subject was terminated for being tardy and irresponsible in his duties. Since being terminated, the subject has filed a claim and is calling the restaurant and making hang-up type calls. Recently someone removed a menu from the menu display case and she thought it might be him but this could not be confirmed. She was counseled about calling the department if there are any problems and advised to seek a restraining order if she deemed it as appropriate.

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Report of a dispute over a $25 fee paid for a credit check during a rental application process. She believes there is erroneous and false information on her credit report that caused her to receive an unfavorable report. She believes she should be refunded the $25.

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Manager on duty called about raccoons on the roof of a building at Ocean and Lincoln. Upon arrival the raccoons appeared to be gone. Advised that if raccoons return, occupants might try banging a few pots together to scare them away.

Carmel area: Highlands Drive massage therapist reported a male subject wrote her a check with insufficient funds for a session.

Carmel Valley: White Oaks resident reported someone removed personal items from his unlocked vehicle.

Carmel area: Rio Road resident reported a past-tense verbal argument with her husband that occurred on 11/29/02.

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 4

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Subject found a California license plate leaning against a tree on Lobos between Second and Third. Plate came back to a 1996 Honda. Attempted to contact the owner but met with negative results. Noted a Honda parked in the driveway nearby with no front license plate. Contacted the resident's roommate and returned the plate to him. Instructed the roommate to have the car owner contact the department if he had any questions.

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Guadalupe resident reported receiving a suspicious phone call from a female who said she was from Bank One and offered a credit line with a low interest rate. After giving out her DOB and mother's maiden name, resident realized what she had done and told the caller she wasn't interested. After she expressed her concerns to the caller, the female provided her the phone number to Bank One. Officer called the number and verified with Bank One this was the normal procedure for soliciting new customers. Resident advised of the findings.

Carmel-by-the-Sea: San Antonio resident reported hearing banging coming from the basement door. Interior and exterior of the house were checked. Unable to locate anything suspicious.

Carmel area: Anonymous person reported an animal control problem at a Baldwain Place residence. Documentation only.

Pebble Beach: Unknown person(s) entered an unsecured blue Volvo station wagon parked in front of a Chaparral Road residence and stole a 9-inch color Memorex portable television strapped between the front bucket seats.

Carmel Valley: Mid Valley Safeway manager reported a possible theft by fraud carried out by a Carmel Valley woman.

Carmel area: Female reported an unknown suspect entered her Hatton Road residence under construction and removed some tools. Tools were later located outside the residence.

Carmel Valley: Boronda Road resident reported receiving three messages from a jail inmate asking for money.

Carmel Valley: Rancho Fiesta Road resident reported she and her 24-year-old son had been arguing for at least three hours. Both were counseled and went to bed.

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 5

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Responded to a panic alarm at Guadalupe and Fourth. Contacted a female who stated she inadvertently pushed the panic alarm button in the bedroom because she believed it was the light switch. There were no emergencies noted and no other problems reported. Alarm company notified.

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Assisted CHP with an injury accident where a Honda Civic struck a light pole which severed the vehicle in half, strewing newspapers and vehicle debris throughout the entire intersection at Carpenter and Highway 1. Assisted with traffic control and cleanup of the debris. Driver was transported to CHOMP.

Carmel area: Riley Ranch Road resident wanted her doors to her house checked for safety. Upon inspection they were found to be in good working order. She requested no further assistance.

Carmel area: Civil dispute at a Camino Real residence concerning rent.

Pebble Beach: Mediated a dispute between landlord and tenant at an El Bosque Drive residence. The tenant was given one month to vacate or face arrest for trespassing per the single lodger in an owner-occupied dwelling standard in the California Penal Code.

Carmel Valley: Man reported his ex-wife is refusing to let him visit his daughter.

Carmel Valley: Carmel Valley Road resident reported problems with his landlord.

Carmel Valley: Subject was concerned about the welfare of his daughter and her whereabouts. It was learned that she was with her mother.

Carmel Valley: West Carmel Valley Road resident reported annoying phone calls from an ex-tenant.

Carmel Valley: Cachagua Road resident reported suspicious activity by her neighbors.

Carmel area: Jewelry and laptop computer taken from an Edgefield Place residence through rear window. No suspect information.

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FRIDAY, DECEMBER 6

Carmel-by-the-Sea: A citizen reported a suspicious male adult near the post office wearing a ski cap at 0258 hours. Located a subject matching that description attempting to gain entry to a vehicle. Contacted the subject and immediately determined he was intoxicated and unable to drive a vehicle. He stated he had called his mother to pick him up but that she wasn't there yet. She was contacted and agreed to come retrieve him.

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Subject was contacted sitting inside a white Honda at San Carlos and Ocean with the alarm sounding at 0200 hours. Subject did not have the keys to reset the alarm. Owner who had been walking around the business area advised they were just trying to wake up prior to beginning their drive back to San Francisco. Records check was negative.

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Report of petty theft from a San Carlos market.

Carmel area: Carmel High School teacher had a geometry teacher's guide taken from his desk. One of the students took it from the desk and handed it to another student who made copies of it. The book and the copies were recovered. Case pending further interviews.

Carmel area: Carmel High School student made several disturbing remarks toward a teacher. Student denied making the remarks.

Pebble Beach: Report of an intoxicated subject fighting with security and staff at RLS gym. A 17-year-old P.G. High School student apparently punched an athletic director of RLS, which caused the RLS audience to clear the bleachers. Student cited out to his parents.

Carmel Valley: Found a cell phone at the Quail substation.

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 7

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Female came to the department concerning a problem she was having with attempting to evict someone from her property. She mentioned she had an appointment with her attorney on Monday. Advised her she may want to speak with her attorney to ensure proper procedures in the eviction process.

Carmel-by-the-Sea: San Carlos business reported a subject came into the store to return an item she had purchased. When she was refused a refund, she became very angry and broke two Christmas ornaments from the store's Christmas tree. After leaving, the woman called the store and told an employee she would be sorry. Upon officer's arrival, the employee was on the phone with an attorney about the incident. She did not want to press any charges on the damage but wanted the incident documented in case of further problems.

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Report of a male subject entering the backyard area of a residence after climbing the north wall of the property. The anonymous person who reported the incident advised that a beige pickup with a female occupant parked on Scenic may have been involved. Contacted the female who stated she was alone in her vehicle watching the ocean. She stated she did see a gardener cutting some limbs off a tree at the residence and that the gardener had just left. Exterior checked and all found secure.

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Resident reported his cat missing about 10 days and that about the same time, the feral cat feeding in the area discontinued. Contacted a possible cat feeding group and left message.

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Followed up with resident regarding mice and rat problems.

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Warning notices of violations, dogs not licensed. Request to contact Animal Control and supply documentation to CPD.

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Report of suspicious circumstances. Subject was moving items from her mother's home. No violations noted.

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Report of a water leak at Lincoln and 12th. Cal-Am officials were notified via dispatch to respond with an emergency crew for repairs. The roadway was closed for safety purposes.

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Male reported a subject's husky was not on a leash and attacked his Labrador, causing a minor puncture wound below the dog's left eye. He said the husky's owner was with the dog when this occurred but did nothing to stop the husky from attacking the Labrador. Contacted the female, who was watching the husky while her husband was surfing, at Scenic and 10th. Explained the laws pertaining to dogs not on a leash and issued her a warning. She apologized and agreed to keep the husky on a leash. He did not wish to file a report. He was advised to take his dog to a veterinarian if deemed necessary.

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Report of a vicious male Vizsla on Carmel Beach.

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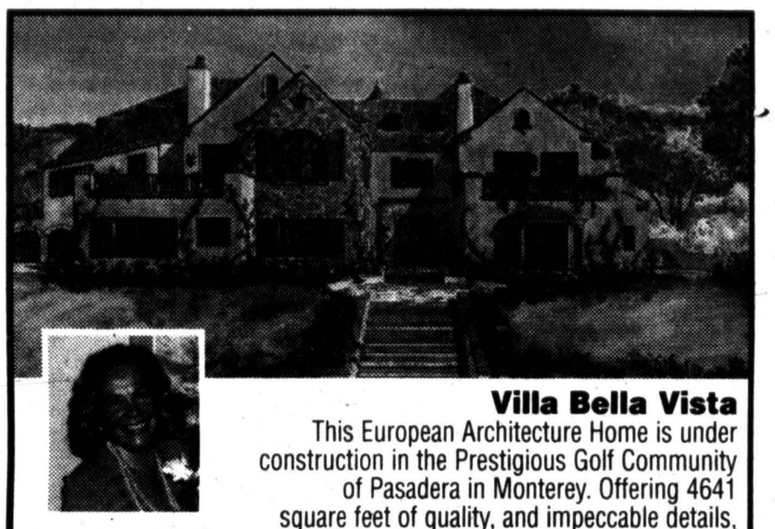

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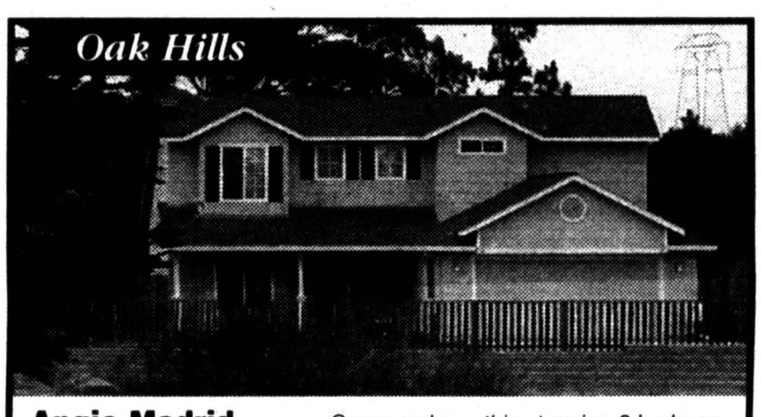

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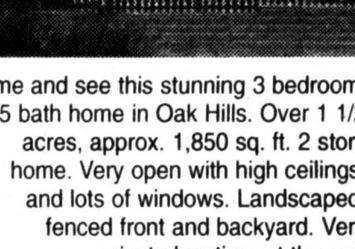

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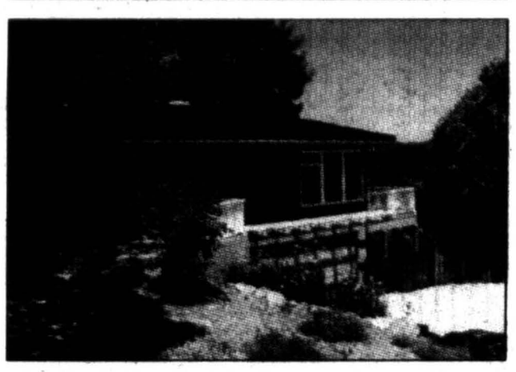

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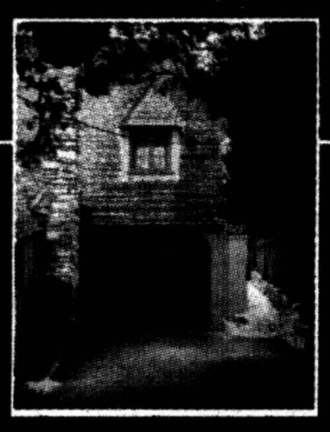

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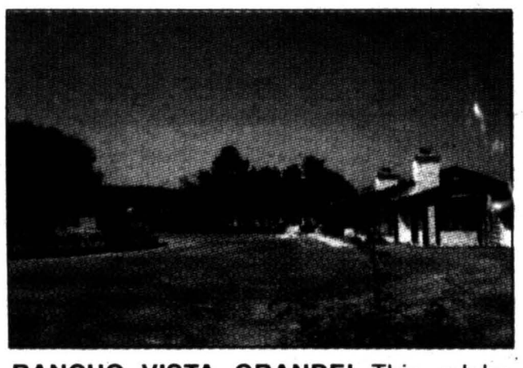

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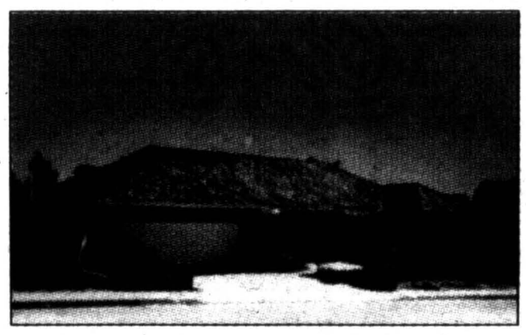

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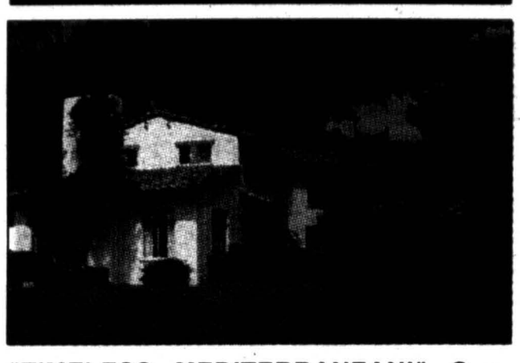

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The spirit of Carmel's Christmas past

By TAMARA GRIPPI and MARY BROWNFIELD

WHAT COULD be more magical than Christmas in Carmel? It's as true today as it was decades ago, though the local traditions have changed a bit.

In the old days, for example, Carmel families could celebrate the holidays by chopping down a tree in one of the nearby pine forests, instead of spending $100 at a Christmas tree lot. The annual Christmas pageant at Sunset School was a holiday fixture — until the school closed in the early 1960s. Before it went out of business, the local movie house used to feature a Christmas matinee.

But one thing hasn't changed at all: Lucky Carmel families can still make a trip to the beach part of their Christmas Day!

PHOTO TAMARA GRIPPI

Pat Sippel

Some of our longtime residents shared their favorite holiday memories with The Pine Cone.

Christmas at the Firehouse
PAT SIPPEL remembers a time

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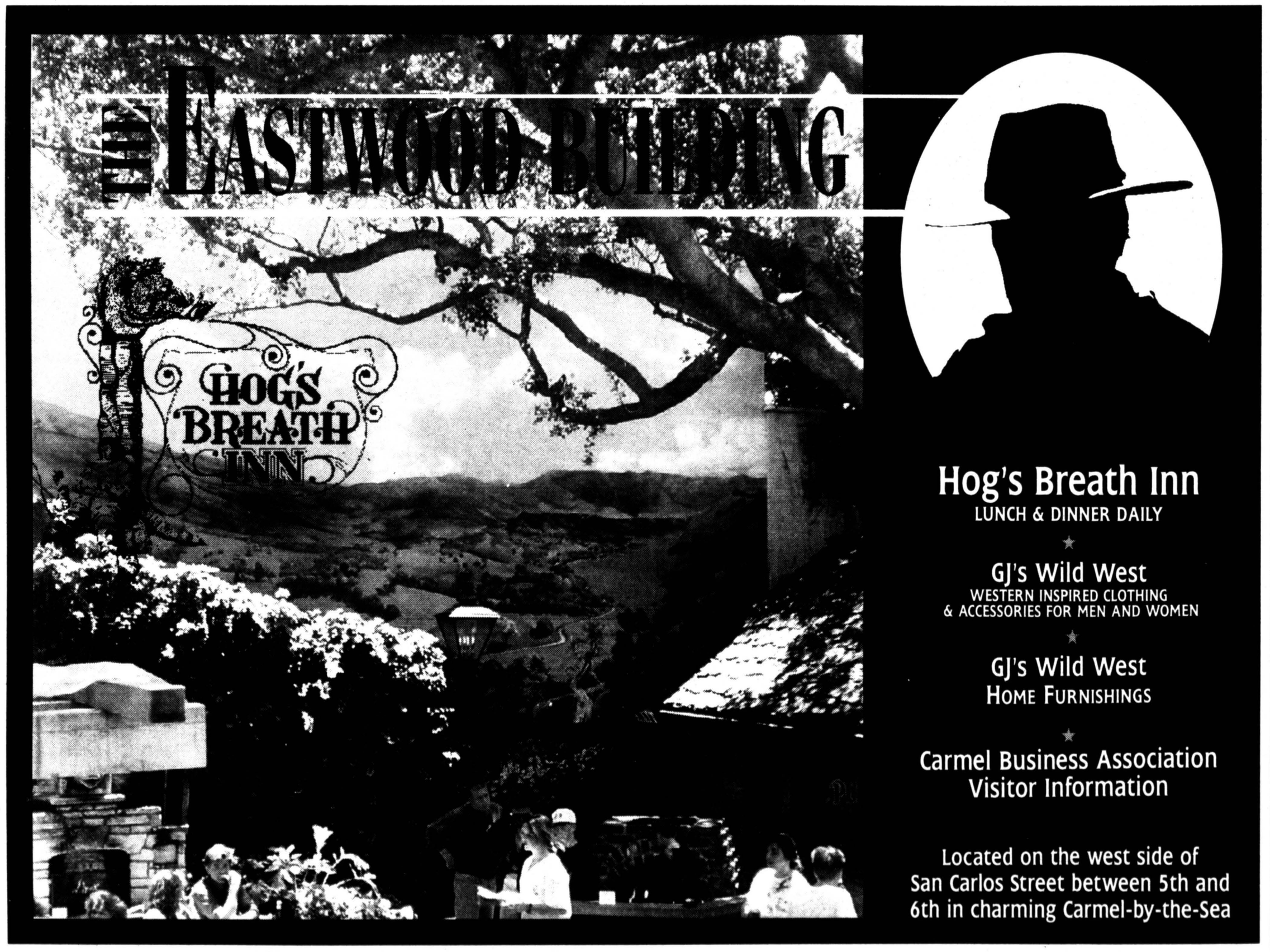

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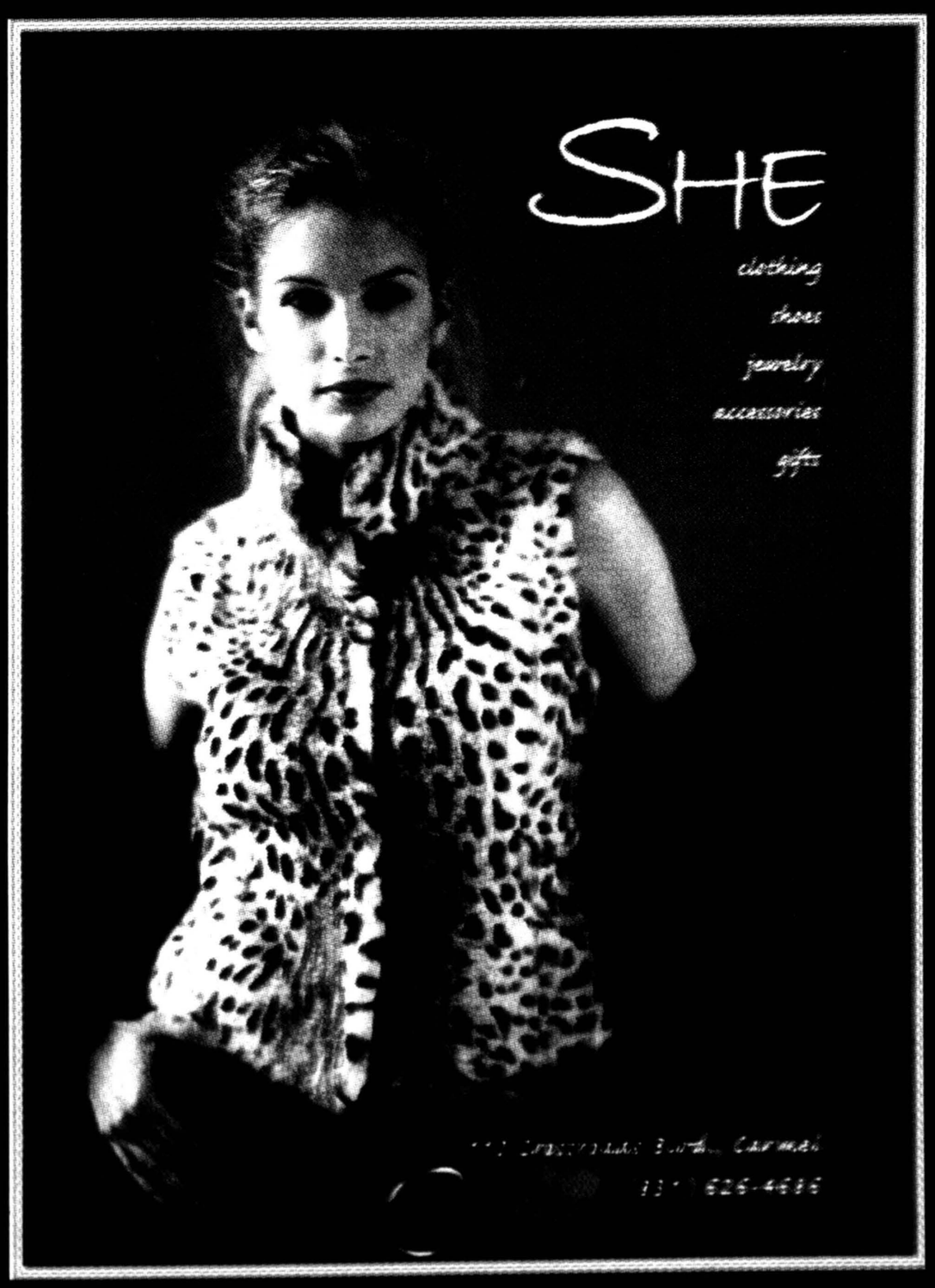

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MEMORIES

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when most of the dads in Carmel were volunteer firefighters and the kids wouldn't think of missing the annual Christmas party at the Carmel Fire Station.

"We'd go upstairs with great expectation," Sippel recalled. "The room would just be filled with kids and moms and then Santa would make a grand entrance."

The holiday party at the firehouse was especially important to local families during World War II, Sippel said. "It was a really tense time. We had blackouts and everyone was on rationing. You can't compare it to any other war with regard to some of the hardships people went through."

During that time, families really reached out to each other. "Carmel was a very small community then — a blue collar existence. A lot of working people lived in the town."

The fire station provided a welcoming, homey atmosphere for the kids. "The fire department was a very big place to go and you felt you belonged because your dad was a fireman," Sippel said.

Sippel recently took a CPR class at the fire station and said all the memories of the firehouse Christmas parties came flooding back. "It was a very impressionable time in our lives," she said.

A Christmas show to remember

DURING THE 1940s and 1950s all eyes were on Sunset School during the holiday season. The whole town looked forward to the magnificent Christmas show the elementary school kids would put on at Sunset Theater.

"Sunset was absolutely the center of the community," said **Nicki Wilson McMahan**, who started kindergarten at Sunset School in 1948.

McMahan remembered being more than a little in awe of the older kids who were privileged to take part

Nicki Wilson McMahan

in the annual Christmas pageant.

"The thing that was wonderful about living in the community was the little children could watch the older children and admire what they were doing," she said.

"They would each walk down the aisle with a flashlight under their chins, singing "Oh, Come All Ye Faithful,'" she said.

It was no small feat to be selected for the Sunset School Christmas choir and McMahan said her audition for the choir didn't go so smoothly. "Frannie Farr and I auditioned together. We were asked to sing 'Silent Night.' One of us went off tune and the other followed and we were so far off, Art Holman, the choir director, finally said, 'Forget it girls, you're out of here.' It was brutal."

But McMahan said she was able to sing her heart out as part of the children's choir at All Saints Church. "Anybody was allowed to be in that choir, so I loved it," she said.

Oh Christmas Tree

LONGTIME RESIDENT **Kay Prine** — unofficial keeper of Carmel's history and lore — remembers going out with her father to cut down the family Christmas tree from one of the abundant Monterey pine forests.

"We always had a pine tree for Christmas," Prine said. "My father and brother and I would go out and cut one wherever we could find it — on the hill by Carpenter Street or any place near Highway 1."

Prine said her family never had to buy a tree — "we couldn't afford it."

Another special tradition Prine cherished was walking down to Carmel Beach with her family after Christmas dinner.

Prine also remembers a time when the old Carmel Theater would offer a special holiday matinee for children. Each child would receive a bag of candy and

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Kay Prine

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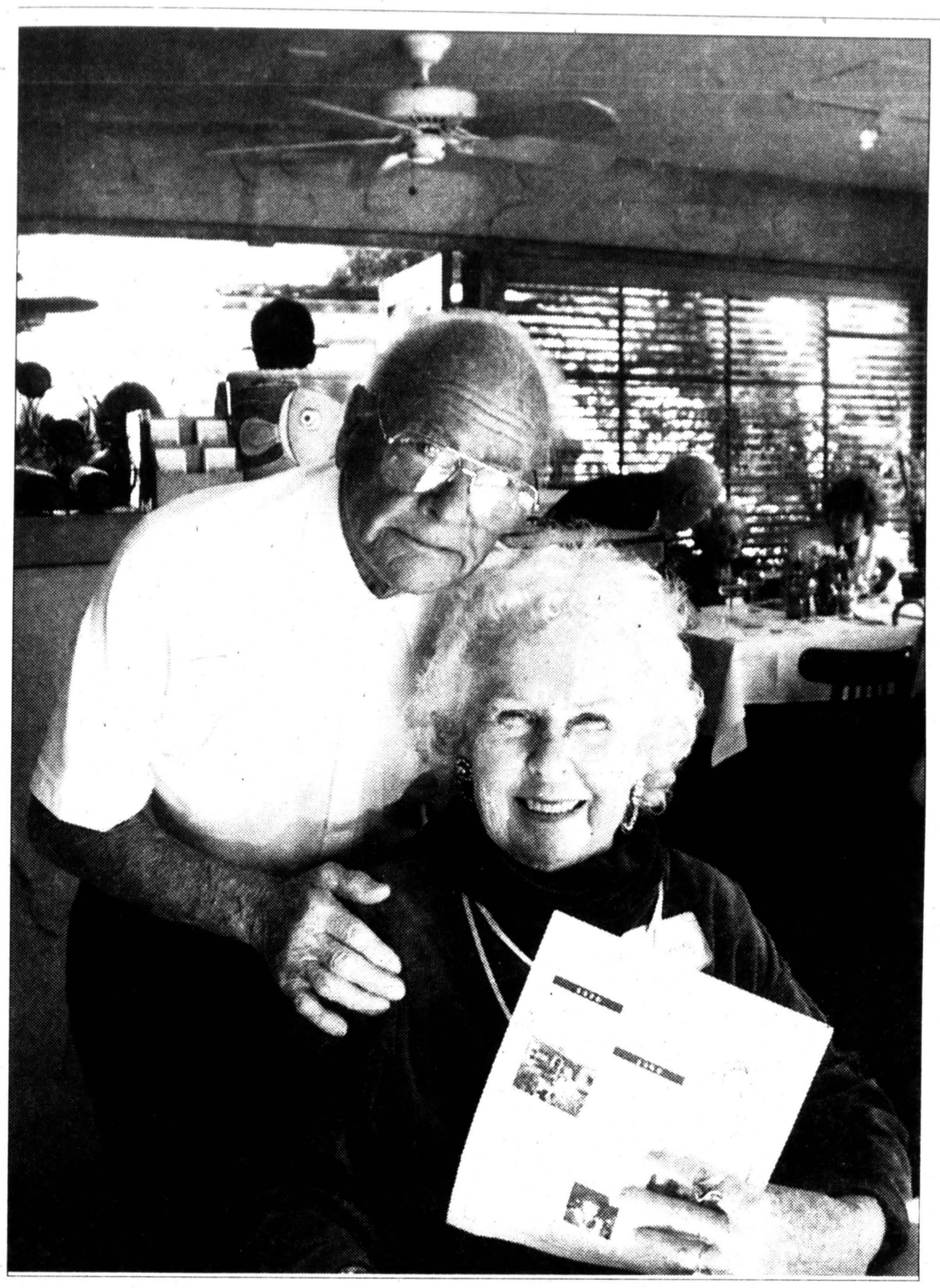

The Leidigs are much beloved in Carmel, where they are known for spreading sunshine. The town often relies on Glenn's sharp memories of important events, such as the drive to save the Village Corner years ago.

Glenn and Marian Leidig were delighted to be back together after enduring a five-year separation when Glenn served in the U.S. Navy during World War II. The Leidigs celebrated their reunion at the Bal Tabarin Club in San Francisco before coming home to Carmel just in time for Christmas.

an orange.

As a teenager, Prine remembers going to a lot of Christmas parties and doing a lot of swing dancing. "My old diaries say, 'my feet hurt from all the dancing,'" she said.

Home sweet home

CARMEL'S REIGNING first couple, **Glenn and Marian Leidig**, say their most cherished Christmas came

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LEIDIGS

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in 1945 when Glenn returned home after five years of service in World War II.

The Leidigs had a special reunion in San Francisco before making it back to Carmel in time for Christmas. "I couldn't have been happier," remembered Glenn, then a Lt. Commander in the U.S. Navy, who had just wrapped up an 18 month tour of duty in Guam, Saipan, Iwo Jima and Japan.

"It was a very special Christmas after the war was over," Marian said. "Glenn had been away all that time. It was a chance to finally come home."

"I'd been given a one-way ticket over there," joked Glenn, who had missed several Christmases with his wife.

Glenn's parents had a special surprise waiting for him when he came home. "His parents had two Buicks waiting for Glenn and his brother, Dale," Marian recalled. "Nobody had cars back then."

In the midst of their celebration, the young couple also had to face a major decision — whether to stay in Carmel or move to a bigger area. The couple soon realized that the decision wasn't so difficult after all.

Now, 57 years later, Carmel can't imagine itself without the Leidigs.

Carmel Mayor Sue McCloud

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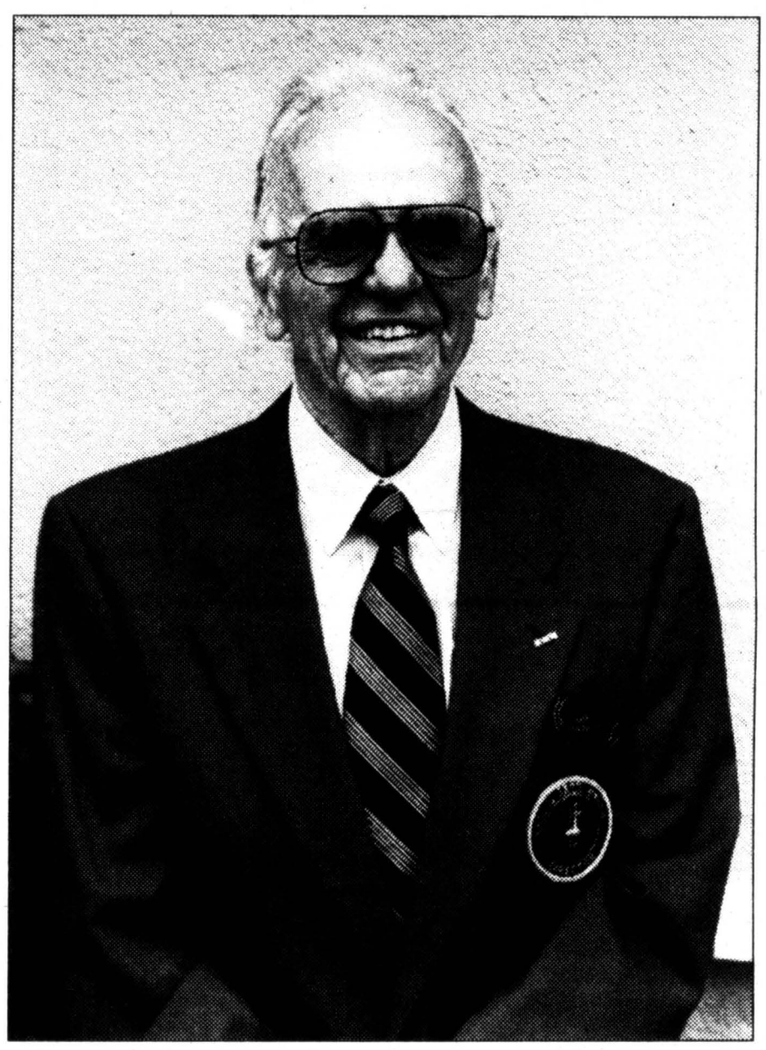
ly's closest friends, including the Spencers, of Spencers House of Cards, and Clayton Neill's family. While the turkey was cooking, the McClouds would wish a Merry Christmas to their neighbors.

"Then we would come home and sit in front of the fire," said Carmel's mayor, **Sue McCloud**. "And after Christmas dinner we would have great fun watching the squirrels run along the telephone wires — we could sit there for hours," she said. Years after the squirrels disappeared from Carmel, McCloud is holding out hope the critters will return.

The mayor remembered the Christmases of her youth as a special time for her family. "It wasn't anything exciting or dramatic, but life was simpler when I was a child," she said.



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Howard Brunn

No peeking

AS A CHILD growing up in Carmel, **Howard Brunn** could always look forward to a glorious Christmas morning surprise. Brunn's parents went to elaborate lengths to surprise Howard and his two brothers each year.

"A few days before Christmas they would block off one-third of the living room with huge white sheets," Brunn said. "We knew that behind those sheets was a magnificent tree — probably cut from Robinson Canyon."

"The anticipation was extreme," he said.

Did the three boys ever get caught peeking behind the sheet? "Well, we might have," Brunn said.

On Christmas Eve, Brunn recalled a special kind of community spirit during his childhood Christmases. "In those days in Carmel, the Depression was just ending and nobody had any particular amount of money. There were a lot of homemade gifts."

"There were no tourists, no art galleries, jewelry stores, just a small town and the people," he said. "Times were simple and people drew together.

Friendly visitors and squirrels

CHRISTMAS MORNING for the McCloud family always included a round of visits to the fami-

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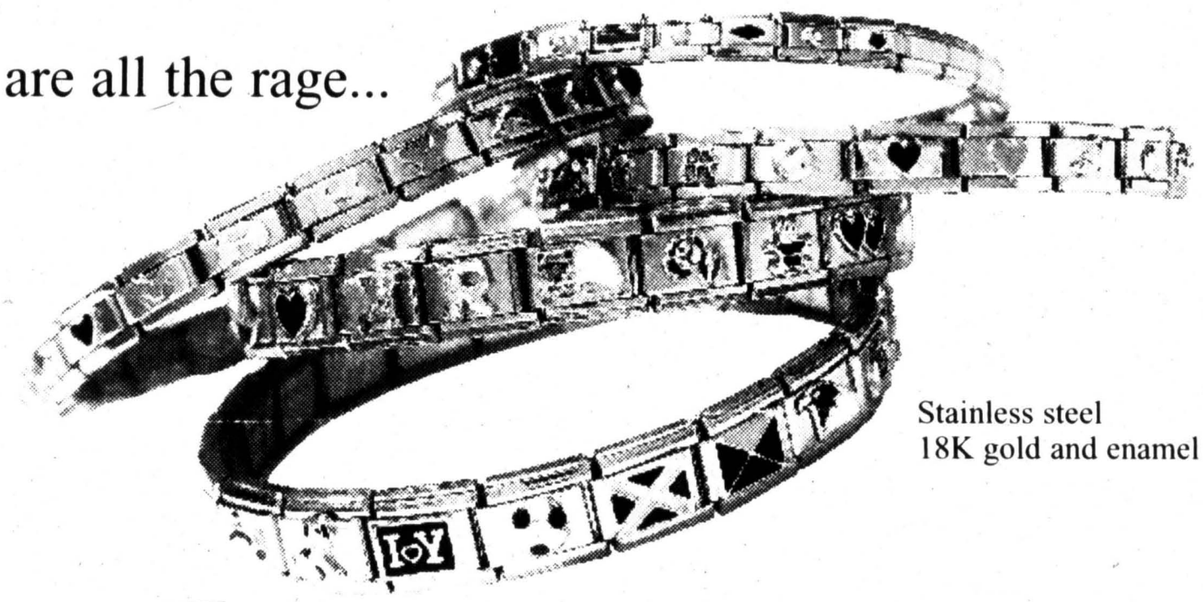

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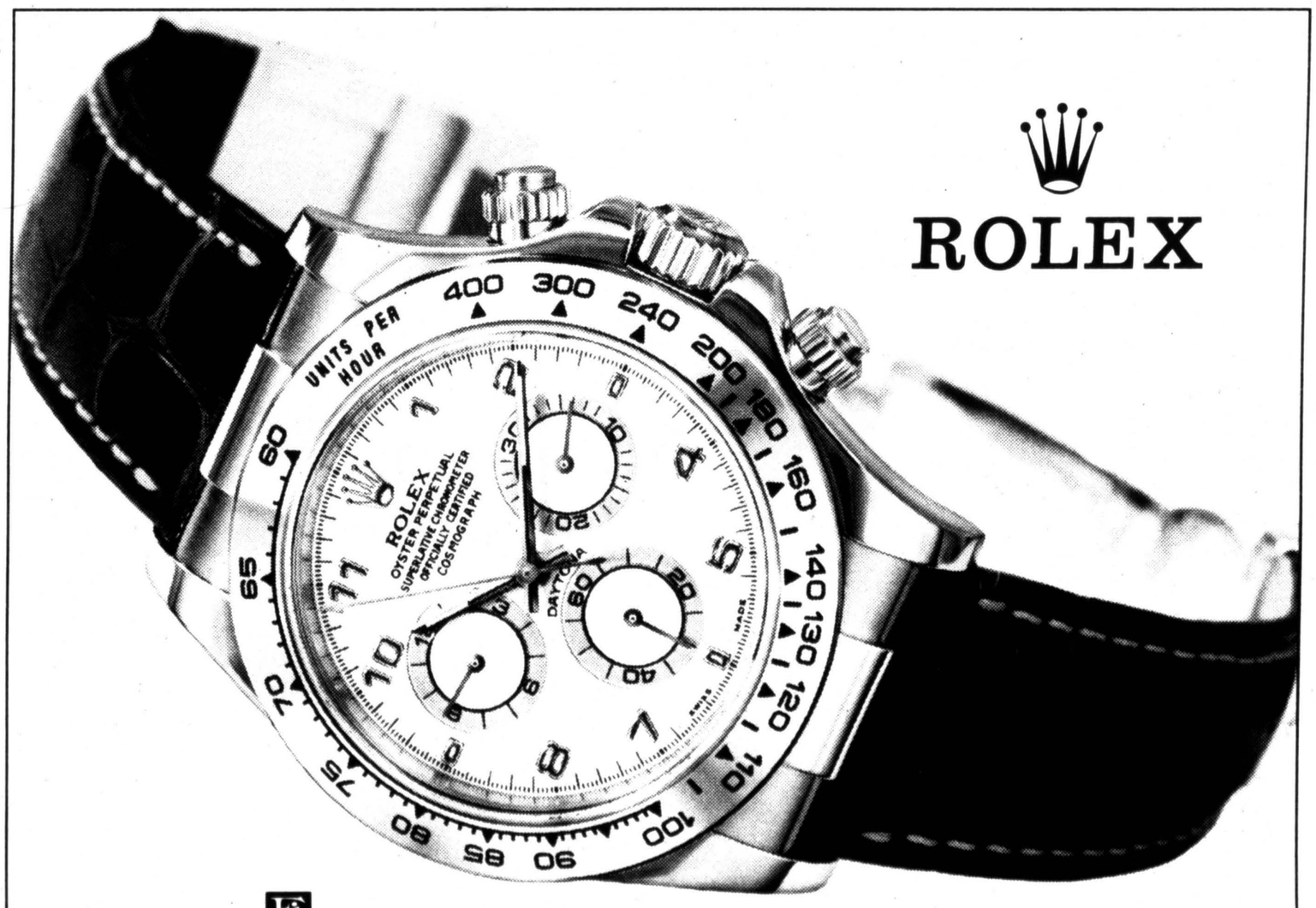

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Moved by the perfection of a December evening during her first Christmas as owner of Holman Ranch in 1989, Dorothy McEwen, fellow ranch inhabitants and friends saddled up a herd of horses and sang carols through the village. A year later, she opted for a '50s-era station wagon as transportation instead, but the Santa hats reappeared.

Caroling on horseback

"IT WAS just about my first Christmas in Carmel Valley in 1989, and a group of us decided to go caroling on horseback through Carmel Valley Village," recalled Holman Ranch owner **Dorothy McEwen**. It was a spur-of-the-moment expedition that evoked the spirit of bygone Christmasses.

McEwen and a group of ranch hands and friends bundled up in their warmest clothes and saddled up a number of the horses.

"We donned Santa caps and rode down the hill to Rippling River to start our caroling," she said. "We sang our way through the village and stopped at all the businesses and in front of anybody who would listen to us."

PHOTO MARY BROWNFIELD

Dorothy McEwen

Touched by the sentimental gesture, generous villagers at The Running Iron, Carmel Valley Market and a now non-existent Delfino Place restaurant lavished the horseback carolers with complimentary libations.

"We ended on Delfino Place and then ambled back to Holman Ranch on our horses, feeling very much in the holiday spirit," McEwen said. "It was a perfect evening and we had so much fun."

Santa's deal with Sears

LIFELONG CARMEL Valley resident **Warren Haber** — son of Quail Lodge patriarch Ed Haber — had his belief in Santa Claus solidified in 1959 at the tender age of 9.

"We all got new bicycles for Christmas," he said. "It was very excit-

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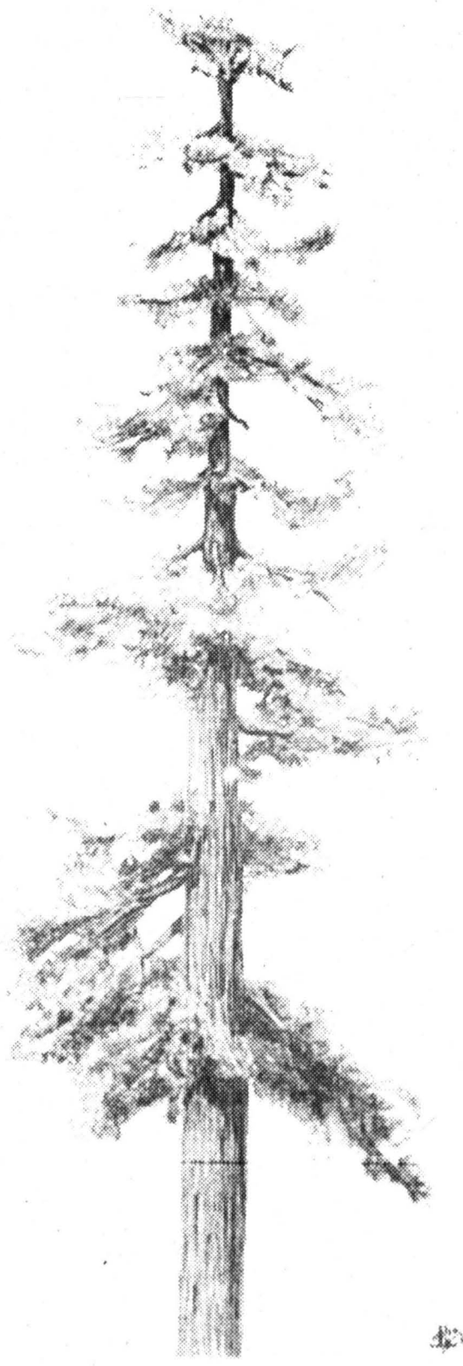

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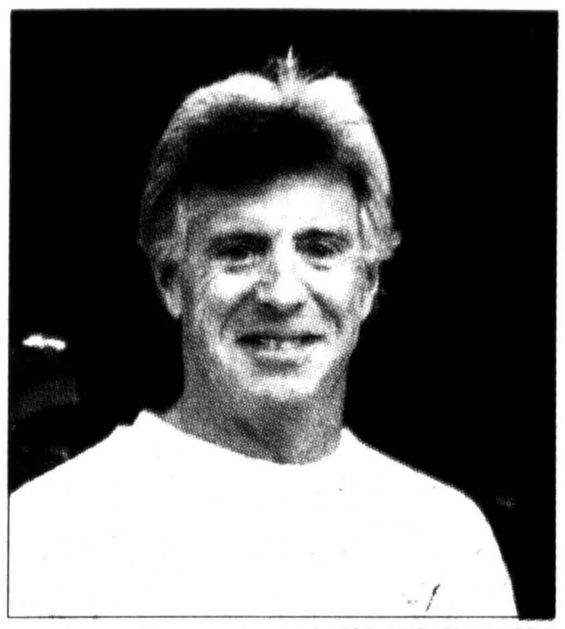

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Warren Haber

ing to go out in the morning and find the bikes there."

But a cheerful Haber quickly turned tearful when he discovered his brand new, bright red bicycle was too big for him to ride.

"Apparently Santa Claus, according to my mother, made a mistake and my bike was too big," he said. "I was in tears. My sisters were riding their bikes and I remember watching them in the driveway and being upset because I couldn't."

But Haber's mother, Barbara, came to the rescue when she told her young son Santa had a special deal with Sears. Old Saint Nick had arranged for a new bike — same color, same kind, but the correct size — to be swapped for the old one.

"Santa said maybe he could go by the store, and sure enough they had the exact bike in the same color, which was red, in the right size," said Haber, who arrived at Sears the day after Christmas "after a wait that seemed like an eternity" to pick up his new wheels.

"They said, 'Santa contacted us and told us all about it, and we've got a bike for you,'" he continued. "I believed the whole thing and, of course, I want everyone else to believe the whole thing is true, too."

Lifelong Carmel Valley resident Warren Haber, son of Ed and Barbara Haber, insists he was always in jeans and grubby from playing outdoors, but at the age of 4 must have been dressed up to visit family in San Francisco just after Christmas. Five years later he still believed in Santa Claus, especially after learning about the inner-workings of the jolly fellow's arrangements with Sears.

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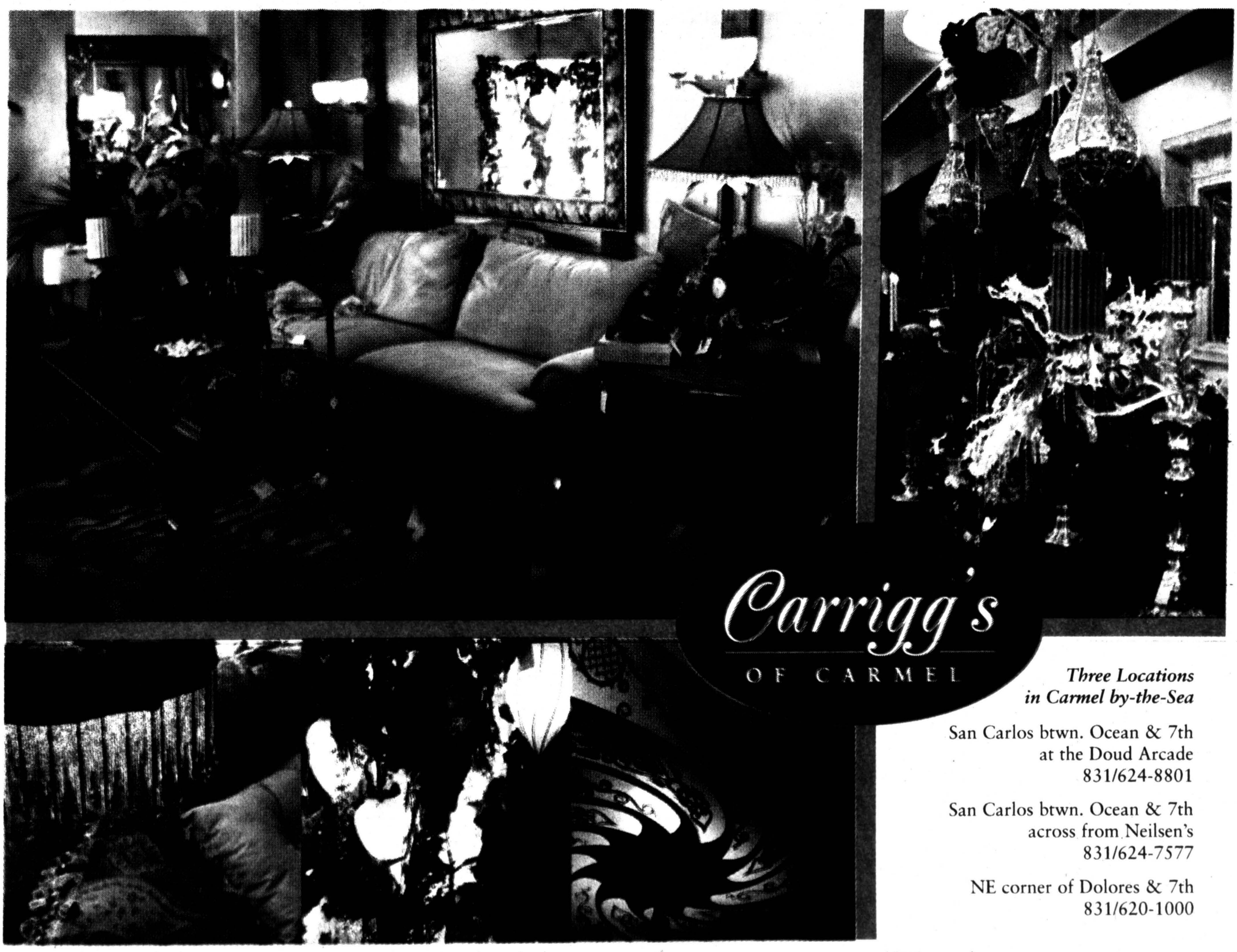
Communal Christmas stocking

NONAGENARIAN LEO Berta, one of 14 children, recalled Santa Claus' role in Christmas on the 2,070-acre Berta Ranch near Camp Stefani. Santa, he said, never failed to fill the empty plate the children left for him.

"First we'd set the table for Santa Claus, and we would put a plate on the table," he continued. "And in the morning when we woke up, there was this plate full of everything: oranges, bananas, a dime."

Berta still appreciates those simple Christmas morning treasures, which he later realized his father had to haul back up to the ranch with horses hitched to a cart.

"We believed in Santa Claus then. It was lot of fun." ❄



Carmel High Chamber Singers invited to national competition in New York City

By TAMARA GRIPPI

PHOTO: PAUL MILLER

The Carmel High School Chamber Singers are raising money to travel to New York City to participate in a prestigious national competition.

THE CARMEL High School Chamber Singers - 12 talented young women who have charmed the city with their lovely *a cappella* carols at Carmel's annual Christmas tree lighting — have been chosen to participate in a prestigious national music competition in New York.

The chamber singers have been working hard to raise the $25,000 that will take them to National Invitational Choral Finals Festival of Gold next March. "They'll be working with world-renowned conductors in the competition and will also participate in a joint festival choir with other schools," said Glenda Bernhardt, director of the choral group. In addition, the students will be treated to backstage tours of the theater and the opera.

Bernhardt and four high school students founded the group only three years ago. In that short time, the dedicated singers have accomplished much. Last March, they traveled to Anaheim to participate in the statewide Heritage Music Festival. The "superior" rating they received earned them a spot in the New York competition, which will provide a rare opportunity for the girls to represent Carmel on the national stage.

"This group is very committed. Several students have been studying vocal music since the sixth grade," Bernhardt said. And they enjoy performing for community events. "Our most rewarding performances were singing for the residents of Carmel Valley Manor and Hacienda Carmel," she added.

The girls have already raised $8,000 toward their goal with various fundraisers. The City of Carmel recently contributed $1,000 to the chamber singers. Contributions to help send the chamber singers to New York can be sent to the Carmel Unified School District Music Boosters, P.O. Box 222780, Carmel, CA 93922. Donations should be earmarked "chamber singers." ❄

Where to dine out on Christmas Day

By MARGOT PETIT NICHOLS

CHRISTMAS CHORES already getting to you? Just the thought of preparing a Christmas feast overwhelming? Toss your cares aside and plan to eat out on Christmas day.

Here are some of our local restaurants that will be open for a sumptuous repast on Dec. 25. Keep in mind that this is not a complete list. If your favorite dining out place doesn't appear below, give them a call to find out if they will be open.

CARMEL-BY-THE-SEA

Anton & Michel — 3 to 9 p.m.
Kurt's Carmel Chop House — 2 p.m. to 8 p.m.
PortaBella — 12 noon to 10 p.m.
Merlot Bistro — 12 noon to 10 p.m.
Le Coq d'Or — 3 to 8 p.m.
Forge in the Forest — Buffet from 11:30 - 4 p.m., then the regular menu from 4 p.m. onward
The Grill on Ocean Avenue — from 4 p.m.
La Playa, Terrace Grill - Buffet 2:30 to 7:30 p.m.
Il Fornaio - 11 a.m. to 8 p.m.
Jack London Bar & Grill — 2 p.m. - midnight

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Highlands Inn, Pacific's Edge Restaurant — 2 - 8:30 p.m.

CARMEL VALLEY

Baum & Blume caterers — Orders for take-home Christmas Day dinners must be made by Dec. 20.
Bernardus Lodge — Marinus Restaurant 4 to 9 p.m.; Wickets Restaurant 10 a.m. - 9 p.m.
Los Laureles Lodge restaurant — 12 noon - 7 p.m.
The Oaks Restaurant — 4 - 8 p.m.
Quail Lodge, The Covey Restaurant — 5 - 8 p.m.

PACIFIC GROVE

Fandango opens at 4 p.m.
Taste Bistro — 11 a.m. to 2:30 p.m., and 5 to 9 p.m.
Old Bath House — 2 to 8 p.m.
Tinnery at the Beach — 11 a.m. to 11 p.m.

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Bullwacker's — 11 a.m. - 7 p.m.
Benihana — 5 - 10 p.m.
Schooners in the Monterey Plaza Hotel — from 11 a.m.
The Duck Club in the Monterey Plaza Hotel — from 11 a.m.
Old Fisherman's Grotto — 11 a.m. - 9 p.m.
Wharfside Restaurant — 11 a.m. - 9 p.m.
Fresh Cream — 4:30 - 8 p.m.
The California Grill in The DoubleTree Hotel — 11:30 - 2 p.m. and 5:30 - 10 p.m.

PEBBLE BEACH

CLUB XIX Restaurant, The Lodge — 6 to 9 p.m.
Stillwater Bar & Grill, The Lodge — 10 a.m. - 4 p.m.
Pèppoli, Inn at Spanish Bay — 6 - 10 p.m.
Roy's, Inn at Spanish Bay — 6:30 - 10 p.m.

BIG SUR

Sierra Mar at the Post Ranch Hotel — 5 - 8:30 p.m.
Cielo restaurant at Ventana Inn & Spa — Buffet brunch from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m., and dinner from 3 to 8 p.m.
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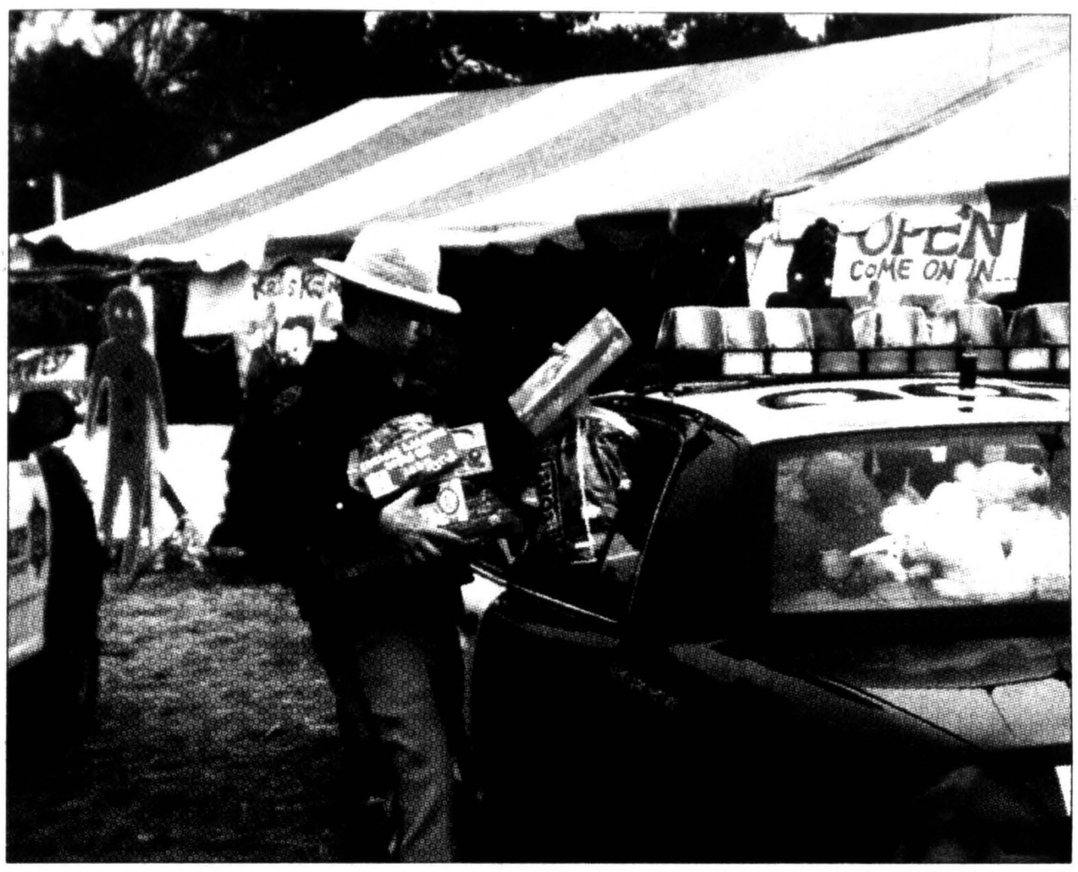

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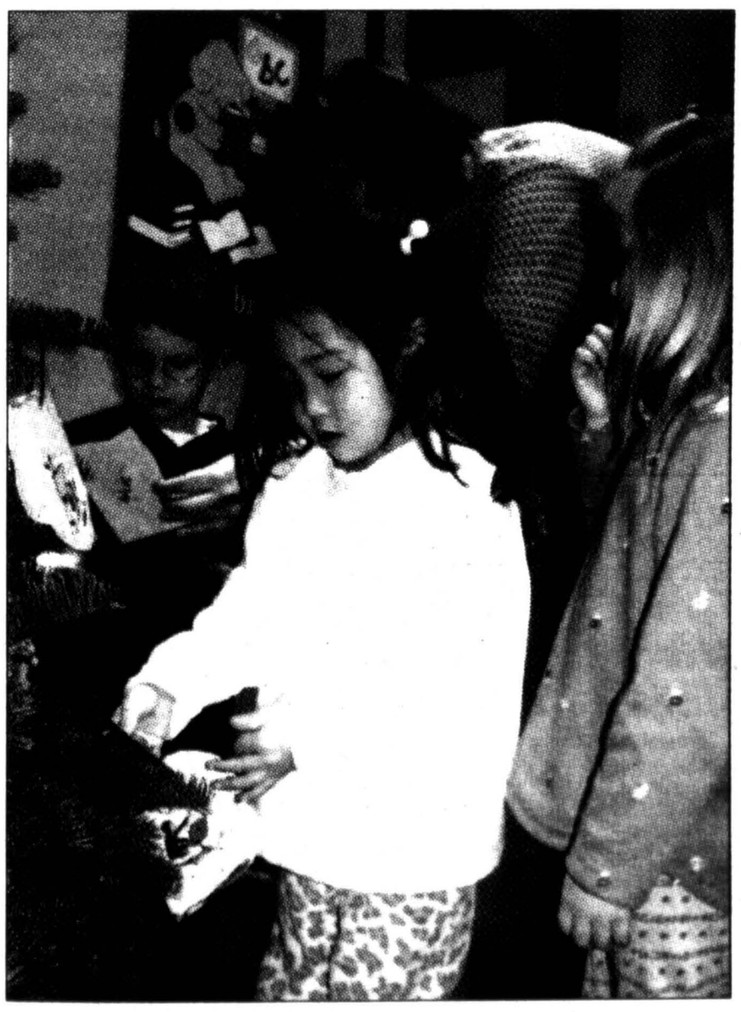
LAW ENFORCEMENT officers from several agencies converged on the Kris Kringle tree lot at Rio Road and Highway 1 last year to unload hundreds of toys collected during the Crime Prevention Officers Association of Monterey County's annual toy drive. They plan to do the same again Dec. 20. To donate a new toy for a needy Monterey County child, contact Dave Crozier at the Monterey County Sheriff's Department's Crossroads Community Field office at 622-7861.

Four-year-old Jessica Oh (below) and her fellow Montessori school classmates from A Child's View helped decorate the Christmas tree at the Park Branch of Harrison Memorial Library. Classmate Jillian Moezzi (right), also 4, was particularly proud of her contribution.

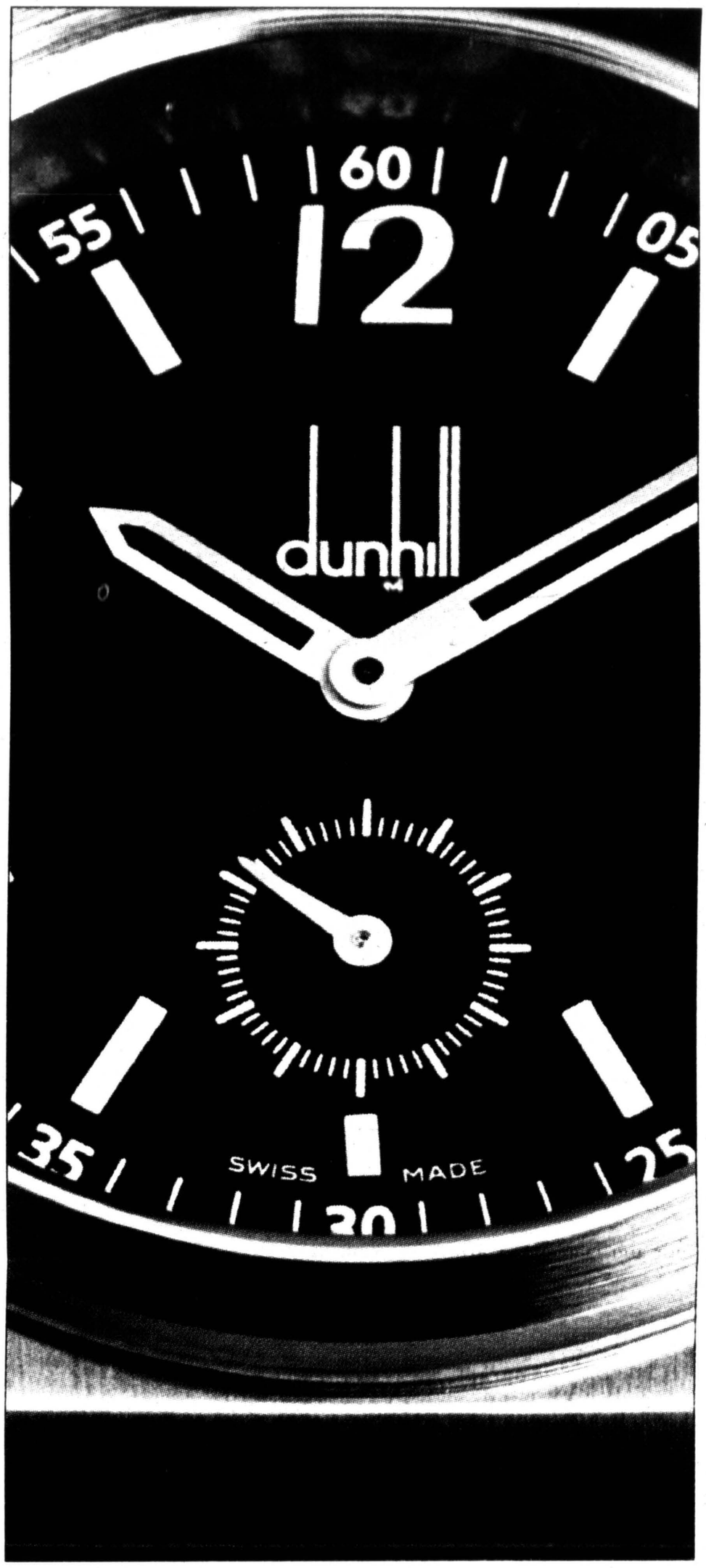
Tiny hands make library tree precious

THE CARMEL-BY-THE-SEA Garden Club may have donated the 5-foot-tall fir tree located in the Park Branch of Harrison Memorial Library, but it's the kids who visit the children's library throughout December who are ultimately responsible for the tree's glittery glory.



Many of the decorations come from young ones who stop by after school, but a group of students from A Child's View Montessori school put their collective artistic touch on the tree when they walked down from their classrooms near Carmel Convalescent Hospital to make mitten-shaped ornaments and hang them on the tree.

The children visit the Park Branch the first Thursday of every month and were therefore among the first to add their handmade ornaments to the collection, according to teacher Ginny Crapo, who brought her mostly 4-year-old flock to the library with fellow teacher Meredith Smith. ❄



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By MARY BROWNFIELD

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Animal lovers can contemplate those and a bevy of other captivating facts during any of the daily tours offered at Wild Things Animal Rentals at Vision Quest Ranch in Salinas. But the opportunities for learning get even greater this time of year, when the kennel lets the public view the animals' nocturnal habits during special holiday flashlight tours.

Wild Things — known in the TV, movie and advertising world for supplying animal actors — is home to more than 100 exotic creatures, great and small.

And while many of them are a bit sluggish during the day, they definitely liven up at night.

"During the public tours in the daytime, people see the animals, but they're not doing anything," said Wild Things education program coordinator Cassie Ley. "At night, they are up and playing with toys and are more active."

In addition to African lions, Bengal tigers, cougars, leopards and lynxes, Wild Things residents include camels, rams, zebras and monkeys, not to mention gila monsters, porcupines and alligators.

And during the night tours, some even come out to play: The African elephant does a little acting, like bowing and lifting a trainer into the air with her tusks, while the black bear offers up her menacing swipes and roars — all from a safe distance.

And midway through the two-hour tour a reindeer (which starred with Whoopi Goldberg in last year's "Call me Claus") arrives with Santa Claus.

The flashlight tours — you provide the flashlight, Wild Things workers provide the tour — sell out every year and reservations are a must, according to Ley. The nighttime walks through the festively decorated grounds will begin at 6:30 p.m. on Dec. 13, 14, 15, 20, 21, 22, 27 and 28, and conclude with refreshments and photos.

Admission is $12 for adults and $10 for children ages 3 to 14 (plus a little extra to be photographed with the reindeer). Children younger than 3 should stay at home, Ley said, and guests should dress warmly.

The ranch is located at 400 River Road in Salinas. For more information and to purchase tickets, call 455-1901, ext. 3. For more about Wild Things and Vision Quest Ranch, visit www.wildthingsinc.com.

If Santa is missing Donner and Blitzen, he might find them at Wild Things in Salinas. Until Christmas Eve, they'll be appearing during the company's flashlight tours.

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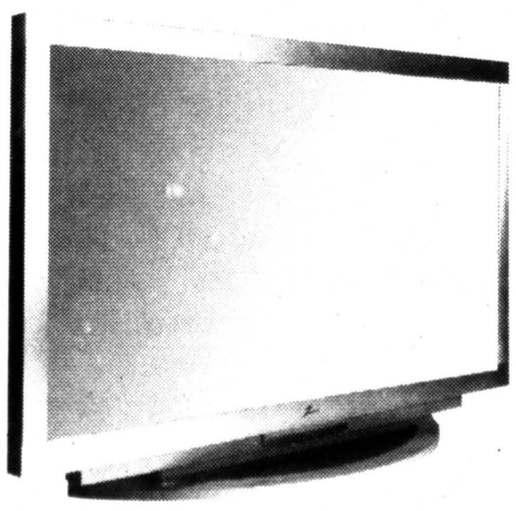

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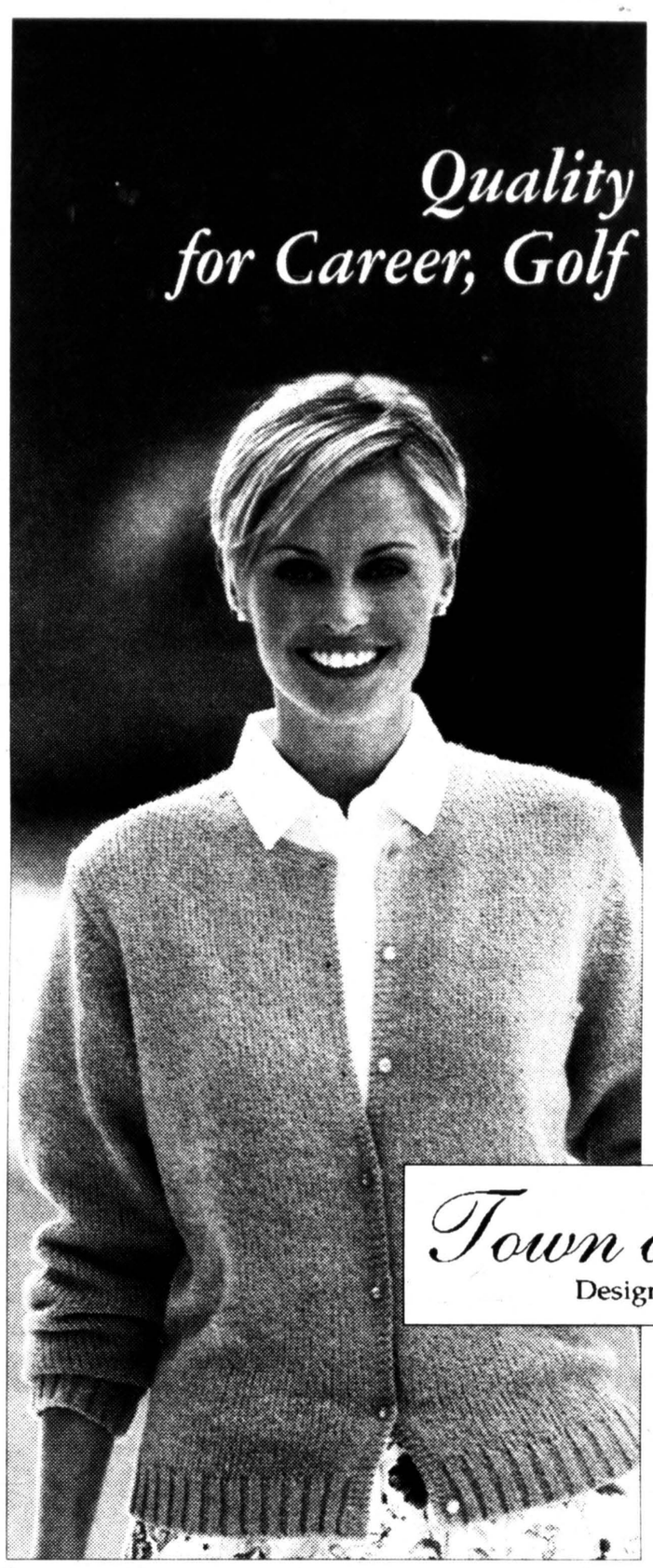

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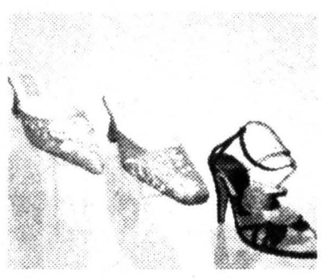
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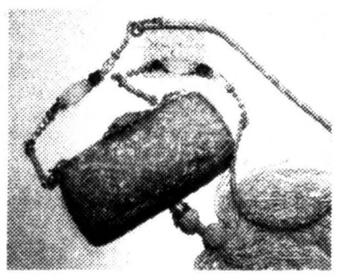
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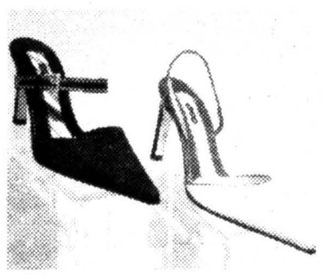
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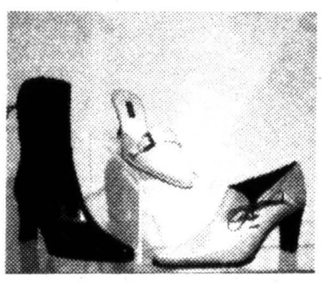
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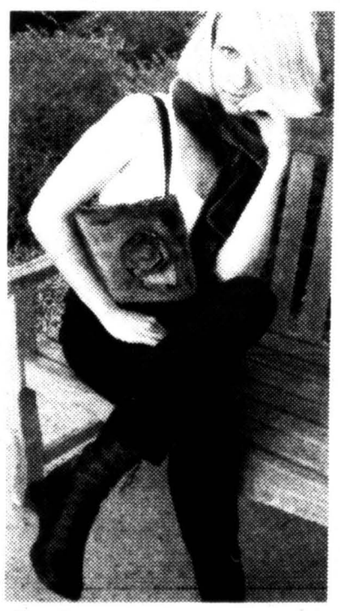
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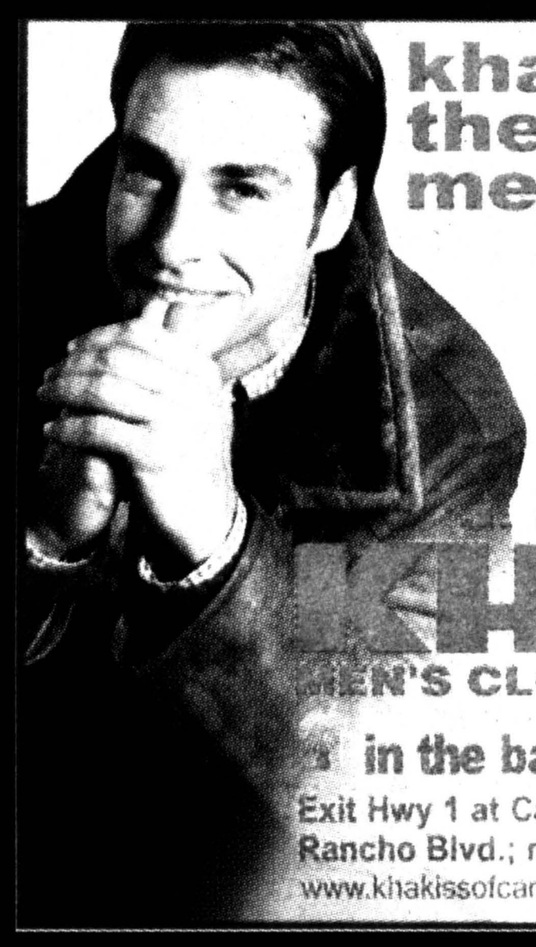

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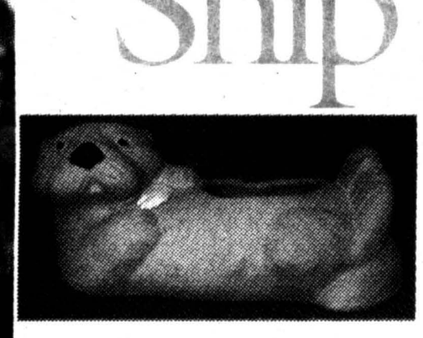

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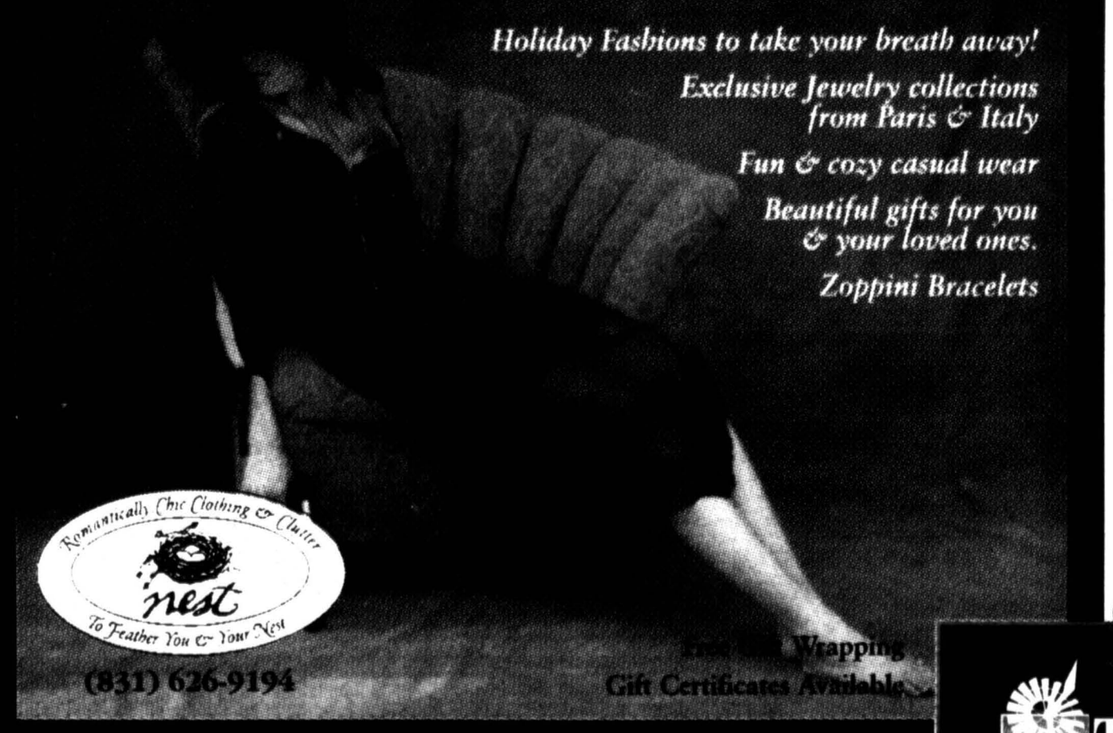

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